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### 16 hurt as bomb rocks heart of Paris

MARY DEJEVSKY

A bomb exploded near the Arc de Triomphe in central Paris vesterday evening, injuring 16 peo-ple, three of them seriously. Police said the bomb, which was packed with nails, was planted in a litter bin near a newspaper kiosk on Avenue Friedland, close to where it meets the Place de l'Etoile.

The explosion happened just over three weeks after an explosion on a train at the city's Saint-Michel Metro station. That blast, which killed seven people and injured more than 80, had prompted fears of a conterrorist campaign against the French capital.

The 16 victims comprised five French nationals, a British oman, four Hungarians, four Italians, a German woman and a Portuguese man. Four of them were children.

Although a spokesman for the anti-terrorist squad cautioned against drawing an automatic comparison with the earlier bomb, the similarities were striking. Yesterday's explosion happened shortly before



5.30pm, almost the same time as the one at Saint-Michel, during the evening rush hour. It was also placed near a major transport hub and close to a symbolic Paris landmark - in the earlier case, Notre Dame Cathedral. The device was also similar: explosives contained

in a camping gas cylinder. Witnesses said they saw a dark grey Mercedes car with diplomatic plates close to the scene immediately before the explosion. They said the car was going unusually fast. The Iran-ian embassy, on the nearby Avenue d'Iena, later condemned the explosion and denied any Iranian involvement.

The area of the Arc de Tri-omphe was cordoned off, creating severe traffic congestion. Twelve major streets lead into the Place de l'Etoile. Although the rush hour in August is less busy than at other times of year, the area is always thronging with tourists.

The French prime minister, Alain Juppé, visited the scene an hour after the blast, with the head of the anti-terrorist squad. He expressed sympathy for the victims and their families but made no further comment.

The attack came amid increasing signs that the investigation into the first attack was running into difficulty. Although French police have issued photofit pictures of three 'important witnesses", progress

Security in question, page 11

fee-paying schools.

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### Alison Hargreaves, fresh from Everest feat, is hit by avalanche on K2 Mountain heroine feared dead

IAN MacKINNON LOUISE JURY and CHARLES ARTHUR

Alison Hargreaves, the first woman to scale Mount Everest unaided and without oxygen, is feared dead in an avalanche in the Himalayas after scaling the

world's most dangerous peak. While details remained con-fused and sketchy, alarm over the fate of Ms Hargreaves, 33, and up to six others grew after it was learnt that they had apparently been caught by a snow-fall just below the summit of K2 in Pakistan's Karakoram range.

Foreign Office officials in London were yesterday unable to confirm that she had been involved in an accident, said to have taken place last Sunday as the party descended from the

According to Ms Hargeaves's husband Jim Ballard, Pakistani authorities were believed to be mounting a search for the miss-ing climbers using high-altitude helicopters. However, the hostile terrain and appalling weather conditions will make it difficult for the rescue teams and it may be some days before full details emerge.

Mr Ballard vesterday broke he news to the couple's two children, Tom, 6, and Kate, 4, that their mother might not return. In doing so, he seemed to be preparing for the worst.

However, officials at the US Embassy in Islamabad, listed as officially missing US citizen Bob Slater, Ms Hargreaves's climbing companion, and others in the group. They include a Canadian, Jeff Lakes, and up to three Spanish climbers who were engulfed by the avalanche as they came down from the 8,611-metre summit on the south-east ridge.

Nazir Sabir, one of the or-ganisers of the expedition, which had to contend with winds of up to 100mph, was yesterday quoted by a news agency as saying that one unidentified body had been discovered.

Mr Ballard said after hearing that his wife was missing: "I have been practising for this day for nearly 10 years, ever since she first started climbing in the Hi-

Range, where Ms Hargreaves was based between climbs, he said: "It is very unlikely that someone would be recovered



from the Himalayas. The mountain will claim Alison to itself, just like it should do. If she is dead, she has at least died where she wanted to, and she was on her way down after becoming the one woman to climb the two highest peaks on earth

without oxygen in pure style." Quoting a Tibetan saying which was a favourite of his wife, he added: "It is better to have lived one day as a tiger than a thousand years as a sheep."

All hope is not yet lost, however. If she did survive an ini-Speaking at the Nevis Ski tial avalanche, she has the ability and endurance to make a solo descent: another climber turned up a week after his partner – the Briton, Julie Tullis –

died descending K2, which has claimed more than 40 lives.

It is thought that after more than two months on the mountain, which is conical in shape and virtually sheer around the summit, Ms Hargreaves regarded this as probably her last chance on this trip. Her original partner, Alan Hinkes, made the ascent on 18 July.

Several parties set out for the summit last Sunday morning, and according to a radio mes sage, Ms Hargreaves and Mr Slater had made the peak and were coming down only to be hit by the avalanche at about 8.000m.

Fellow mountaineers vesterday acknowledged Ms Harg-

reaves's feats - particularly her achievement in May when she became the second climber and the first woman to make it to the

top of Everest unaided and without oxygen. She admitted crying as she stood on the summit before radioing her children with the words: "I'm on top of the world

and I love you dearly." To climb Everest had been her ambition, but even before

On page 3 Climber, mother and

woman of the mountains; The fateful ascent: Toughest challenge

reaching the summit she had set mense amount to mounher sights on new targets. Only two weeks after returning home to Spean Bridge, Fort William, in Scotland, she was on her way to the even more dangerous K2

Her original partner on K2. Alan Hinkes, said: "I was shattered to hear what has now apparently happened. Inevitably, l can't help feeling if she had not decided to change partners this would not have happened."

Chris Bonington, Britain's most famous mountaineer, said: She was an outstanding person in every kind of way. She wasn't just the best woman climber in Britain, she was one of the best mountaineers in Britain

and had contributed an im-

It is a sign of mountaineers'

great respect for her abilities that nobody described her as foolhardy for attempting to climb the two highest peaks in the space of a few months.

"It was an incredibly demanding challenge that she set herself," said Julie-Ann Clyma, a New Zealander who has been on three expeditions to K2 without reaching the summit "I

one day as a tiger than a thousand

years as a sheep 🤊

6 It is

better to

have lived

Jim Ballard (above).

husband of Allson Hargreaves

admire her for trying, but you can't be surprised if something goes wrong.

"On that mountain, you are on the tiniest of margins all the time. It just takes one piece of bad luck and that's it.

Mr Bonington added: "K2 is a dangerous mountain. There is no shadow of a doubt that she went into it fully realising that. She was taking a series of calculated risks that every moun-

# Standards slip over Gould gaffe

**DAVID LISTER** 

The tale of the newspaper, the Labour Party leader, the Home Secretary's son and the ultimate scapegoat, a fax machine, yesterday entered journalistic history, rivalling anything in Evelyn Waugh's fiction.

It all started when on Monday the London Evening Standard published a signed article by Bryan Gould, the former Labour Shadow Cabinet memher, now an academic in New Zealand, imagining himself as a 19-year-old first-time voter and explaining how he would not be able to bring himself to vote for Tony Blair. The article provoked a rash of reactions from Labour frontbenchers, including Mr

Gould's former campaign manager, David Blunkett, saying Gould was clearly a bitter man. All good stuff, apart from one salient fact. Mr Gould had not

had indeed been commissioned by the Standard and did fax an article from New Zealand. But the piece of bile taken off the guilty machine by features executives was by delicious coincidence sent in on spec by an

aspiring student writer.

And here is where Evelyn Wangh would have smacked his lips. The 19-year-old student, one Nick Howard, happens to be the son of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard.

Though both pieces professed to be critiques of the Blair > afatal lack of vision

How the Standard presented Monday's offending article leadership, there were subtle

solely interested in power.'

"Tony Blair has had a brilliant first year as Labour's leader. He looks like a racing certainty top take Labour to their first general election victory in over 20 years." Lord Rothermere, proprietor of the Evening Standard, and the paper's editor, Stewart

Mr Steven grovelled across the front page and most of page four of last night's Standard. "A series of errors was made and by extraordinary mischance the article commissioned from Mr Gould came over on the fax at almost exactly the same time as another article, not commissioned and with no name on it, arrived from

course, have a field day. The newspaper's features editor is Alex Renton, whose father was also a Conservative government minister. And Sarah Sands, the assistant editor, is married to the deputy editor of the highly conservative Sunday Telegraph. But cock-up remains the most likely cause.

Some questions remain, though. Why is it that Nick Howard, 19, writes in a far more lively and readable style than Mr Gould? Why were Labour MPs so ready to believe the worst of one of their erstwhile colleagues? And how many Evening Standard executives does it take to get the right article off a fax machine?



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distinctions evident to the student of politics. Master Howard's piece attacked "MPs like Mr Blair who have given up their socialist ideals [and] are Mr Gould's piece began:

someone else."

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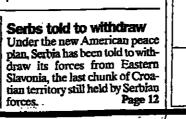
IN BRIEF

A former secondary modern school Two unions representing that was due to close 20 years ago has London Underground topped an Independent survey of the workers voted overwhelmcountry's best comprehensive schools. ingly to take strike action. The Anglo European School at The first of what could be Ingatestone, Essex, achieved better a series of one-day actions A-level results than many selective and | will be held next Priday, 25 Page 2 August.

Water payouts Ofwai, the water industry

watchdog, is calling for compensation for customers affected by falling standards of service, including loss of water pressure and the introduction of standpipes, during the hot weather.

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Inflation surprise

Pressure for a rise in interest

rates eased yesterday after gov-

ernment figures showed that the

annual rate of inflation re-mained static last month at 3.5

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Exam analysis: Essex comprehensive with European flavour tops Independent league as sixth-formers fight for university places

# Reprieved school heads A-level table

**QOUL HTIQUE** bas

A former secondary modern school which was due to close 20 years ago has topped the Independent's survey of the country's best comprehensive

The Anglo European School in Ingatestone, Essex, achieved better A-level results than many selective and fee-paying schools. Its 109 upper sixth-formers achieved an average of two A-grades and an E-grade in this year's exams.

The school was set to close in 1973 when a referendum confirmed for an A-grade down to two for an E-Britain's future in Europe and it was grade. Selective schools were not in-

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Richmond, N. Yorks

How the best schools performed

given a new flavour by Essex Coun-cluded, but independent schools will ty Council. Since then all pupils have earnt at least one language and have had the chance to go on a for-eign trip each year. One-third of sixth formers take the International Baccalaureate, which is scored alongside A-levels on an officially-recognised points scale.

The Independent surveyed 200 comprehensive schools and colleges, chosen on the basis of past performance. Replies were received from 140, the best 50 of which are shown in the table on this page. Points were awarded on a scale ranging from 10

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publish their own results next week.

The survey was not exhaustive, and many very good schools will have been missed out: a full list of exam results will be published by the Government in November. It did not include the results of general studies A-levels, which are taken by some schools and not by others. Nor did it include A/S levels, which have the same depth as A-levels but half of the content.

Some schools declined to take part. A number object to league tables on principle, saying that they give an unfair impression and judge schools on only one aspect of their performance.

All those whose schools scored er kids. This year was a good year; ighly in the survey said they had an there weren't lots of astonishing good. highly in the survey said they had an all-ability intake but a mixture of hard work and strong motivation by both staff and students had helped to

boost their achievements. Among the top 10 were two single-sex boys' schools and two single-sex girls' schools. Hasmonean, a Jewish school in north London, has girls and hows but teaches them separately.

David Barrs, deputy head of the Anglo European School, which has now opted out, said pupils from the local village were given first preference for places but others travelled from great distances to attend. Basically our kids are like any oth-

formances but there was qui across the board," he said.

The London Oratory, the granttended from September by Buan Blair, son of the Labour leader. came ninth in the survey. Its star papil this year was Philip Smeaton, who gained four grade As and two distinctions in his special papers and who will go to St Anne's College, Oxford,

to read maths. Its head teacher, John McIntosh, said: "We have high expectations and those expectations are reinforced each year by success. Pupils who come

into the school at 11 see that the sixthformers are doing well and a high proportion go on to university. They know that is expected of them."

At Hasmonean, which came second maintained school which will be at .. in the survey, a strong commitment to education was noted by schools inspectors who visited recently. Its head teacher, Dena Coleman,

said: "Education is very highly valued by the school, by the students and by the parents. Exams are important and everybody works very hard. The teachers are dedicated and the parents are supportive."

Additional research by Mark Jagasia, Tim Reid, Leala Padmanabhan and

**Hospital** waiting time halved

Patients seeking hospital treatment are now waiting half the time they did five years ago, the Government claimed yesterday. Average waiting times had been reduced from eight months to four months over the last five years, latest figures revealed. Only a small minority of patients now had to wait longer than the 18-month period guaranteed by the Patient's Charter.

#### Knife attack

A housewife watched the violent thriller Basic Instinct then went out and stabbed a sailor she picked up at random, Portsmouth Crown Court, in Hampshire, was told. Vanessa Ballantyne, 41, of Southsen, admitted causing grievous bodily harm and was committed to hospital under the Mental Health Act.

#### PC stabbed

A policeman is seriously ill in hospital after being stabbed in the back with a sheath knife. Probationer PC Craig Bradbury. 25, suffered injuries thought to include a punctured lung in the incident at a bus station in the market town of Leominster, Hereford and Worcester, A 17year-old woman was helping police with their inquiries.

#### Exhibition shock

The National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, West Yorkshire, has come under attack from over an proposed exhibition next months; showing pictures of slaughtered children, severed heads and people who had died of Aids.

#### **Body found**

Detectives have launched a murder hunt in the heart of Edinburgh's Festival Centre after the decomposing body of a young woman was found in a drain. Workmen made the find after residents complained of smells. Police said they were treating the death as suspicious and a post-mortem examination was being carried out.

#### Journalist's funeral The funeral of the BBC radio

journalist John Schofield, 29. who was shot dead covering the war in Croatia, was held at St Anne's Church in Kew, southwest London.

#### Arson charge

A 28-year-old woman will appear before Colwyn Bay magistrates today charged with arson following a fire at the home in Colwyn Bay, of Howard Hughes, 30, who is accused of murdering seven yearold Sophie Hook.

#### Man found hanged

A businessman from Japan accused of attempting to obtain fibonds purporting to be worth £7.5bn, has been found hanged while on remand in a hotel in South Kensington, west London. Akira Asamiya, 68, had been remanded on conditional bail when he appeared at City of London magistrates court.

#### Diplomat's wife shot

The wife of a British diplomat was shot and wounded by gunmen trying to steal a four-wheel-drive vehicle in the Kenyan capital Nairobi. Margaret Bagnall, the wife of the Second Secretary Andrew Bagnall, was... attacked on the same day gun-men shot and killed the headmaster of a Japanese community school in the same suburb. Brainchild ...

A girl of three, with an IQ of 155, has been admitted to Mensa, the exclusive club for the brains of Britain. Rhiannon Linington-Payne, from Farlow, Shropshire, was admitted after undergoing special tests conducted by an independent psychologist recog-nised by Mensa.

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**CLINT EASTWOOD** on the great film directors



Pass time: Jubilant A-level students celebrate their results at Saffron Walden County High School, Essex

LIZ SEARL

"There's no other thing for it, I'm going to have to phone up and beg," mumbled a repentant sixth-former yesterday. Salford University's sociology department had demanded B, C and D grades in her A-levels, and C. D and E just would not be

enough, she feared. Nevertheless, the moment who have spent their summer filled with uncertainty about what the future would bring.

Aloa Shah, 18, studied maths, chemistry and biology at Copthall School. Mill Hill, north London, and needed B. B and C to begin her optome-

Little brown envelopes deliver success or failure

"I was worried all summer be- ject like dentistry," she said. cause of the lower grades I had been predicted to achieve all last year," she said. "I was given an end of the year so I hadn't been expecting much really."

Alpa was ecstatic about the A, A and B she read from a brown envelope handed to her by school staff. "If I'd have known my marks were going to be so high then I might have

Copthall student Sophie Lucas, 18, was just "really relieved" that her AAB passes ingham University. "I really wanted to go there," she said. wanted to go there, she said.

She had spent the whole summer wondering whether she had done enough to warrant a place on the university's geog-

raphy and planning course. But high hopes had also been dashed by the contents of the

pointed that she had narrowly favoured subject, Spanish.
"The result now splits oral

quite frustrating."

and written tests and I know I got As for the former. It was just written that let me down and it's

Nevrkia, 18, was happily cele-

brating ABB, but was disap-

#### for good. "I'm fed up with school now, and I just want to finish. I'm going to try and get a job some-where, although I'm not sure what I want to do." Phil Bassill, senior teacher at Copthall, was full of praise for this year's students: "The girls

### More students get place at university

**ססטנ אחמטנ** Education Editor

More than half the available university places had been filled

by yesterday after this year's record-breaking A-level results.
Officials at the Universities

might be getting their first choice places because of the good results. The A-level pass rate - those getting grades A to E - rose by 1 per cent.

Universities have already accepted 146,000 students for the expected 271,000 places, 20,000 and Colleges Admissions Ser- more than at the same time last vice (Ucas) said the speed at which places were being filled suggested that more students but it may be that fewer students

universities, had a good chance of finding places.

will find places through the clearing system this year." But he urged candidates who had failed to get the required grades not to despair, saying that those who were prepared to be flexible by, for instance, taking combined rather than single honours courses and by considering less fashionable

As the dispute about whether A-level standards are being maintained continued, pupils who had scored top grades in the exam challenged the view that the exam is too "easy". Corinne Stannard, aged 18,-from Colchester High School in Essex, who obtained six As and will study medicine at Univer-sity College, London, said: "The exams were an awful lot of

hard work for everybody. It is a shame that people are raising questions yet again about whether they are as difficult as they used to be." Michael Ancram, the North-

have studied hard and 49 per

cent got A/B passes. But even

those who didn't manage high-

er marks have achieved a great

deal this year. Their success is

a bit like me managing to run the 100m in 20 seconds flat."

Later, the students trans-

Shane Flynn, 18, from Finch-

ley Catholic High School, north

two Ds he received for classics

and business studies, and had

decided to give up on education

ferred to local establishments to

celebrate or drown their sor-

ern Ireland education minister. vesterday ordered an inquiry into how the wrong GCSE grades were sent out to 33,000 pupils. A faulty computer print-out was blamed for the error.

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### Patten joins ranks of |Tube workers call strike retiring Tory MPs

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Former Cabinet minister John Patten yesterday became the latest of a string of senior Tories to announce their intention to retire as MPs at the next election. Mr Patten, 50, who was sacked as Secretary of State for Education by John Major a year ago, said his decision to stand down from his Oxford West & Abingdon constituency was "entirely for family reasons."
For the Oxford-educated gardener's son, it brings to a close a recently much-troubled, and

gaffe-prone political career. He had been promoted after successful five years as a Home Office minister. But his two years as Secretary of State for Education were plagued by teacher protests over reforms. He was forced to climb down over key aspects of testing, league tables and the national curriculum, and his "Mum's Army" of infant teachers with rudimentary training was ridiculed, and dropped. A terse letter from Mr Patten when Mr Major sacked

him ranked as one of the bit-

terest in political history. There-

after he cut an isolated figure

in the lobbies at Westminster.

He said yesterday: "I hope in

The Patten gaffes

E Branding representa-tives of parent-teacher goups, including the National Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations es "neanderthai". Treating a news conference on school discipline to a description of

from Jesuits at his own school. Attacking the clergy, saying Britain could not become civilised again, without a revival of the fear of damnation.

Labour front bencher Marjone Mowlam, about whether the Blair family would find the Downing Street flat too small.

Party . . . from outside the House if Commons."

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the beatings he received

E Disclosing details of a

train conversation with: the future to be able to play some part in the life of the na-

Another Tory, Sir Jerry Wiggin, 58, also announced yesterday that he would be stepping down as MP for Weston-super-Mare, bringing the total of de-parting Tories to more than 40. which seems to be the sticking

#### to disrupt holiday travel CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Fransport Correspondent

Commuters and other travellers in London are facing disruption after two unions representing Tube workers voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action. The first of what could be a

series of one-day actions by the drivers' union, Aslef, and by RMT, which represents 6,000 other Tube workers, will be held next Friday, 25 August, causing severe disruption just as people are heading off for the three-day August Bank Holiday. And travellers face another

two days of possible disruption as RMT announced that there would be two further 24-hour strikes, starting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 31 August and Sunday 3 September. In both cases, relatively few trains are likely to be disrupted on those days as the effect will be concentrated on the following day.

However, London Transport which will be meeting union representatives today in an effort to head off the strikes, remains optimistic: "We will be talking

point with the unions, and we are hopeful of finding some a 2.75 per cent pay offer earlimiddle ground," a spokesman

London Underground was angry that the unions executives had given a date for the first action while talks were continuing. "To name a strike day before the working party had had an opportunity to fulfil its potential is a retrograde step,"

said the spokesman.

If the Tube drivers, who belong to Aslef, do go ahead with their action, they will force a virtual shutdown of the network as all but about 10 per cent of the system's 2,200 drivers belong to While the RMT alone could

cause some disruption, if London Underground reaches an agreement with Aslef most trains will probably keep running. Last autumn, an attempted one-day strike by the RMT ended in fiasco with around three-quarters of the trains being operated.

In their second strike vote of the summer, the drivers voted by a majority of about 3 to 1 in favour of action. They had al-ready voted to stage a series of one-day strikes in July. August

er this summer When the offer was raised to 3 per cent, London Under-

ground management successfully brought a High Court action preventing Aslet from holding any strikes on the grounds that the wording of the first ballot was no longer relevant in the light of the the increased offer. Asief was forced to call off

three planned one-day strikes and had to re-ballot members. The RMT endorsed the strike with a 3 to 1 majority, a very similar outcome to the vote taken earlier in the summer.

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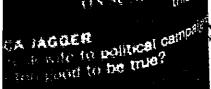
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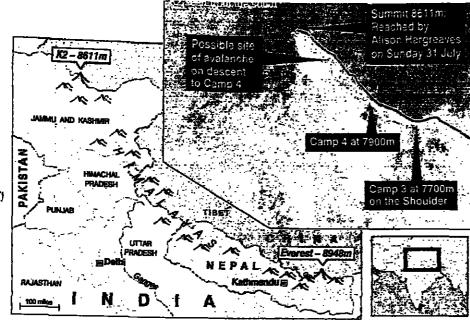


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# Climber, mother and woman of the mountains

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Alison Hargreaves's latest attempt on the world's most dangerous peak, K2, started just two weeks after she returned to Britain following her successful

assault on Everest.

She was joined by her intended climbing partner, Alan Hinkes, when they left Britain on 11 June, reaching Base Camp two weeks later after a 10-day strek from the nearest settlement.

The remoteness of the Himalayan peak, in comparison with Everest which is only a twoday walk from the closest village, merely adds another layer of difficulty to what climbers regard as the toughest ascent. A note from Ms Hargreaves,

which has just reached her family by fax from Scott Fischer, an American in the party who returned earlier, gave a picture of her progress until a week before Sunday's scaling of the peak. She and Mr Hinkes reached

for Camp Two, but Ms Hargreaves decided to join up with an American climber, and he teamed up with someone else. For the next weeks she climbed higher and then moved back down again in order to test

her equipment and to acclimatise herself to the altitude.

Alison Hargreaves's attempt on K2 was dogged by appalling weather, reports

lan MacKinnon climbing," said Cally Flemming, marketing manager at Nevis Range Ski Centre in Scotland, where Ms Hargreaves was based. "There had been concern that she had lost some

of her fitness in the two weeks she was home." But by 18 July - having left the American at Camp Two -Ms Hargreaves, climbing alone and without oxygen, had reached nearly 8,000m, 600m below the summit, when she was forced back by the weather.

Mr Hinkes, who by then had teamed up with two Dutch and two Pakistani climbers, reached Base Camp on 25 June and left the summit. Yesterday, he said he last saw Alison Hargreaves on 23 July when she had been forced to return to Base Camp because of worsening weather - just before he left for Britain. Fierce and unpredictable

storms pinned her and the others in Base Camp for five days. But by 31 July the conditions That is quite normal in had improved and, according to

the fax, she "started clearing her ropes and breaking a trail" to 6,000m, where she rested at

Camp Two the following day. Two metres of fresh snow had fallen on Camp Three, burying the tents and equipment, by the time she arrived there at 7,200m on 3 August. Yet, after digging out the camp, she was once again forced to descend by the deteriorating weather.

In the note that she wrote on 6 August, she explained that she was feeling fit and had rested for a couple of days, but was becoming increasingly frustrated by the treacherous weather.

"She wrote that she was going to go for it if the weather improved," said Ms Flemming. She regarded that as her last chance on this trip." It seems that during the week the climbers managed to move higher and by last Sunday morning they left one of the higher camps for the summit.

Reports suggest radio messages intercepted at 6pm by other climbers say Ms Hargreaves, an American, Bob Slater, thought to be her climbing com-panion, and Broce Grant, a New Zealander, had reached the summit and were descending.

What happened next could



A family affair: Alison Hargreaves, with husband, Jim, and children Tom and Kate celebrate her Everest triumph on the slopes at Fort William

Alison Hargreaves has already claimed her place in climbing legend. If anyone can "do a Houdini" and survive K2, she is the one, her husband, Jim Ballard, said yesterday. Her fierce ambition and commitment has notched up a roll call of moun-

taineering successes. While she is acclaimed by colleagues for her climbing skills, her position as one of the few world-class women in the field has grabbed the public imagination. She has two children -Tom, six, and Kate, four - and makes great profiteroles, her husband once said.

But her mountaineering ability is greater. In 1988, she was six months pregnant with Tom year. For the first 18,000 feet,

Louise Jury and Charles Arthur chart the achievements of the woman who claimed to 'have an ego as big as Everest'.

when she became the first of the Eiger. She was clambering around the Highlands when her waters broke. In 1993, she climbed solo the six classic north faces of the Alps in a sin-gle season, a feat which she later described in her book A

Hard Day's Summer. But her sights were set on the world's three highest peaks: Everest, K2 and Kanchenjunga. On the back of her successful Alpine season, she made her

the children went too. But she woman to scale the north face turned back in bad conditions only a few hundred feet from the top - a decision which won praise from mountaineers, who value the ability to weigh up dangers and take difficult decisions despite extremes of physical and mental exhaus-

Undeterred, she returned this year. In May, she became the first woman to climb Everest solo and without oxygen, taking the most arduous North Ridge route. "It was a very emo-

had all been such hard work," she said of reaching the summit. She returned home to a heroine's welcome – but within two weeks, after spending time with her husband and children, was heading for K2, a far more difficult and dangerous challenge.

Her life as the greatest female mountaineer in Britain, and arguably the world, began when she started rock-climbing at 14 in the Peak District. She grad-uated to Scottish winter climbing in 1979 and the Alps in 1983. Mountaineering became her tional experience for me. It life. The family sold their home

and lived in an old car for months to fund her first adventures. As her reputation grew, she earned a living by lecturing and writing. Yet she still found time for Jim, 15 years her senior, and their children. To Ms Hargreaves, the Scottish mountains near her home at Spean Bridge, Fort William, were little more than a gentle warm-up. treks she often carried out with her husband and children at her side. She described "bearing two healthy, lively children" as her finest achievement.

She once said: "I've got an ego as big as Mount Everest. I am not generally superstitious. but I make a point of never say-

### A peak to inspire fear

**CHARLES ARTHUR** 

Many mountains inspire awe among climbers. But K2 generates something approaching fear, for it has a deadly reputation. Since its first ascent in 1954, there have been fewer than 130 confirmed ascents, and more than 40 deaths.

Everest may be higher, but it sees more than a hundred successful summits each year, and only a handful of deaths. In 1986 alone, 14 people died on K2 - including Julie Tulis, who had been the first British woman to reach the summit.

The principal reasons why K2

lenge to mountaineers lie in its position and form. Everest, though higher, is further south, and less steep near its summit: the location makes the weather more predictable, while its gentler gradient near the top makes the climbing less stren-

nous above 8,000 metres. But K2, almost 6,000 miles further north, is both steeper near its summit - calling for greater climbing skills than Everest \_ and calm weather can suddenly turn to storms with 100mph winds that can easily last up to a fortnight, burying or destroying tents and camps.

The ridge and steep summit carry a double danger. "The snow slopes have increased avalanche dangers, and there's very technical climbing before you reach the summit," said Julie-Ann Clyma, a New Zealander who has been on three expeditions to K2.

The standard route to the summit lies along the south-east "Abruzzi ridge", after the leader of an unsuccessful Italian expedition in 1909. The mountain was named by Colonel Montgomerie of the Survey of India, who discovered it in 1856: it was the second peak measured in the Karakoram range.



Danger zone: More than 40 climbers have died on K2

### Ambition and tragedy

**LOUISE JURY** 

Only one other woman has reached the summit of K2. Julie Tullis achieved her lifetime's ambition when she scaled the world's most dangerous mountain nine years ago. She died on the descent.

When a friend telephoned Terry Tullis yesterday to tell him of fears for Alison Hargreaves, it brought back every heartstopping detail of the expedition which finally claimed his wife.

"I didn't know Alison, but anybody who is on K2 is close to my heart," Mr Tullis said, "I was hoping she would do it. I

wanted to write a letter of congratulation, not one of condo-

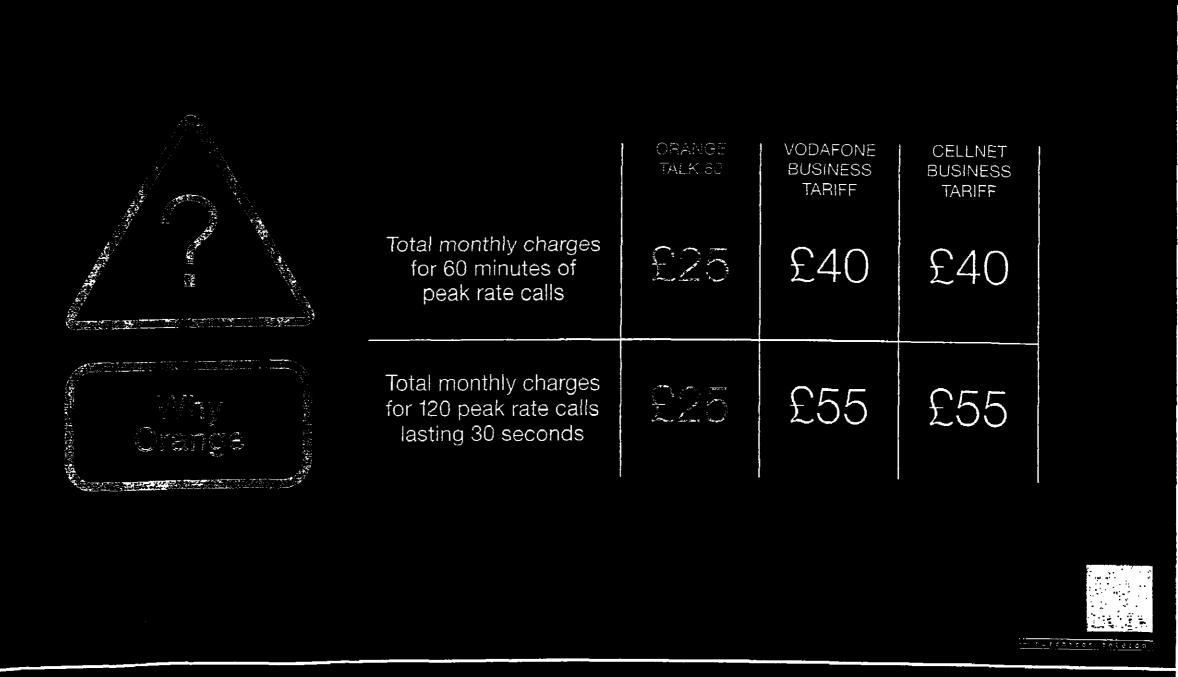
Julie Tullis, 42, drifted from sleep to death after acting as sound recordist for fellow climber and film-maker, Kurt Diemburger. Another Briton in the party, Alan Rouse, 34, also died, too exhausted to move.

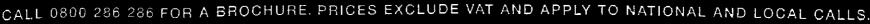
Yet Mr Tullis, now 60 and a climbing teacher in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, said he would never have dreamt of asking Julie to give up her climbing.

"I would never have done that. If people have got something they want to do, then they should do it. It's the only thing that made Britain great, people exploring and pushing to the limits. I would respect the wishes of people like Julie and Alison all the way.

"There had already been about 11 deaths on K2 that year. but that summit was her and Kurt's dream. If Alison has managed it, that's brilliant news, that's gorgeous. To me it makes everything worthwhile. She did what she wanted."

Death is the fear every mountaineer's partner lives with. "Every expedition, every time she left home, you were left with the thought that it might happen," Mr Tullis said.





UN equality survey: Britain takes 13th place in table of 130 countries but loses marks for low participation in business and politics

# Women 'face barriers to economic power'

**MARY BRAID** 

The United Kingdom is rated 13th in a UN survey of sexual equality in 130 countries which says that despite advances in health and education, the economic and political status of women still languishes well below that of men in all countries,

"Over the past 20 years, doors to education and health opportunities have opened rapidly for women but the doors to economic and political pow- lion living in poverty. Sweden

er are barely ajar," says the report, billed as the most comprehensive international study of gender discrimination ever undertaken. "In no society do women fare as well as men."

The UN Human Development Report, which will provide the text for next month's world Women's conference in Beijing, reveals that while the gender gap has more than halved since 1970, women still represent 70 per cent of the 1.3 bil- rating for men and women

Sirleaf, director of the UN Development Programme's Africa Bureau, said gender inequality had little to do with a country's wealth. Sweden and its Nordic neighbours - Norway, Finland and Denmark - led the sexual equality table because they have attacked discrimination

Britain's general quality of life -18th in the table - actually ris-

through political policies and

tops the table. Ellen Johnson es to 13th when the level of sex- try when the workdwide average falls to 19th when the level of female participation in politics and business is measured. Cuba, Hungary, Barbados, the Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago are among those countries calculated to have a higher degree of female participation in politics and business.

In the UK, only 7.4 per cent of all parliamentary seats are held by women; a striking fig-

nal equality is considered but it is 10 per cent. Our rate of parliamentary political participation is just above the 7.3 per cent achieved in India. By contrast, half of the cabinet positions in Sweden are now held by women against a international average inst 6 per cent.

The UN calculates that "unpaid, unrecognised and undervalued" women's work is worth 11 trillion dollars a year, which if recognised, would lead to women becoming the major or

they are only paid for one-

Arab states have made most progress in improving female literacy rates but a better education is not belying women into politics and business. China's sexual equality rating is 10 places above Saudi Arabia's although its real per capita in-

equal breadwinners in most so and Spain share with developcieties. While women do Soper ing countries the distinction cent of the work in the world. that their women constitute less than one-seventh of their

Trinidad and Tobago offer significantly more political and economic opportunities to women than the UK, Switzerland, Hungary, Spain, Japan and France. Japan rates third in the overall quality of life rating but its position falls to eight on the grass roots. Many complain come is only one-fifth as large. sexual equality scale and to 27 - that men are the cause of their France, Japan, Laxembourg when the participation of countries problems."

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Mrs Johnson Sirleaf said that even in countries wracked by civil war and violence, like Sierra Leone - which languishes with many other African countries at the bottom of the sexual equality table - women's 

### Global sisterhood separated by gaping chasm in emancipation

BRITAIN Val Finney, is a 36-year-old mother of two

She considers herself lucky compared to many other working women in Britain today, writes Matthew Brace.

The company she works for as a telesales operator pays her the same as her male colleagues (£8,500 a year) and she has similar promotion prospects. At home, her husband does "his fair share of bousework".

But she says her experience is untypical and that working women in Britain still get a raw deal compared to their male counterparts. "First of all, child care is non-existent. Luckily my children are 14 and 16 now but if they were younger I just couldn't afford to work," she said. With the majority of state-run nurseries in her area having closed down recently, she would have to send them to a private one which would cost her around £20 a day for each child.

There's absolutely nothing in Britain to encourage women to have children and work compared to other European countries. They even have creches in their su-permarkets there," she said. "Here women have to trainse round the shops with children screaming at their feet all the time.

Our Government has tried to get women back to work after they have had children but then they don't provide any facilities for them once they get there."

Discrimination is nothing new to Mrs Finney. She became aware of it at school when she was excluded from woodwork a lesson strictly for boys - and restricted instead to domestic science and sewing.

She thinks things are changing and she sees women getting more aggressive and ambitious but she also knows equality is still a long way off. "On the work front it's still a man's world. There's still a lot of the tradition of the man being the bread-winner while the woman's job is still regarded as pin-money. I find that very unjust."

SWEDEN Viktoria Bi. 23, a dental nurse from Palsboda, has a one-year-old daughter and is expect-

ing her second child. Since the arrival of the modern feminism movement in the early 1970s, Mrs Bi has witnessed the remarkable advance of women in Sweden, writes Mary Braid.

Strict anti-discrimination laws have given way to female recruitment targets and a more recent controversial proposal for quota legislation. Today, half Sweden's cab-inet is female and 40 per cent of MPs are women. Mrs Bi feels the benefits of female emancipation closer to home. When she became pregnant with her first child the Swedish state made things easy.

"You are paid 90 per cent of your salary for 12 months after you have your baby. she said. "Then if you go back to work there is no problem. You can have your child looked after from the age of four months in inexpensive nurseries subsidised by the state. I know as a woman I am privileged to live in Sweden."

Swedish women still think the country has a long way to go before all things are equal. While the expansion of paid maternity leave and near-universal child care has encouraged 80 per cent of women into work most have failed to break male dominance in senior and middle management, particularly in the private sector.

"My friends still complain that women do more in the home, that employers are more likely to chose a man than a woman for a job and that men still earn more than women. I hope things will be better for my daughter." Mrs Bi said.

But feminists worry that decades of achievement are threatened by unprecedented economic uncertainty which has caused cut backs in public spending. The government has already reduced maternity benefit to 80 per cent of salary and plans to reduce it to 75 per cent next year.

Mosammat Aleya, 27, has two young children and lives in Dhaka. Mosammat Aleya works just to survive. Her husband Mizanur Rahman, 35, works in a earment factory but does not earn enough

to keep his family, writes Mary Braid. Ten years ago when she first went to work Aleya was criticised by her family. But times have changed and economic pressure has altered traditions. "At first people used to look at me when I went to work but lots of women go to work every day now."

With the pressure Aleya's is under it is not surprising that the country's feminist movement is yet to make an impact on her. Bangladesh rates 108 out of 130 in the UN sexual equality table.

Aleva rises at 4am to do her housework and prepare breakfast for her children and large extended family. After taking her chil-dren to school she walks a few miles for an 8am start at another garment factory.

The hours are long and she is not in when her children come home from school. The eldest, 11, has to look after his brother, five. "I bought them a stereo and a television so they could confine themselves in the house and not loiter around," she says. Tough times also mean a smaller fami-

ly. Aleya, unlike her mother, uses contraception and is determined to have no more babies. A large slice of their income goes on a private futor for the boys to supplement their school lessons. They moved from the suburbs of the city to improve the familv's chances - Rahman switched from teaching to the factory to earn more mon-- but life has proved hard to improve. Aleya wants more for her children. "I hope they become something some day," she says. Although feminism has not yet grabbed her she supports trade unionism and de-

spairs of the lack of interest among her fel-

low workers. "Even in our factory we are

not united in our common cause," she says.



Worlds apart: A British woman taking a breather outside a supermarket after doing the shopping. Below: A Namibian woman, baby on her back, carrying home her catch of fish



#### **Targets** better than quotas'

MARY BRAID

The UN report confirms that the UK is near the bottom of the European sexual equality league, particularly in childcare and pay, the Equal Opportunities Commission claimed yesterday Peter Smith, EOC Commissioner, said that "much more needed to be done" to further equality in Britain. But Mr Smith disagreed with the asertion of Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's woman Prime Minister, that quotas were the way to increase women's influ-

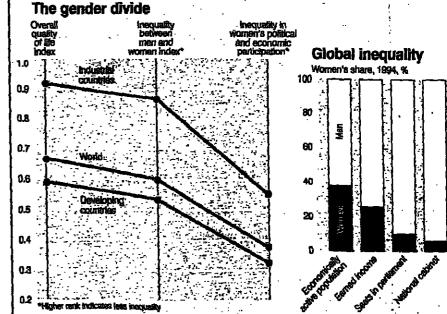
ence and promote equality. The EOC advocates the use of targets as a basis for setting goals and measuring progress." he said. "Targets should not re-sult in positive discrimination and merit should be the crite rion for selection/participation in decision making.

The EOC argues positive discrimination or quotas are contrary to the fundamental principle of equal opportunities and unlawful under the Sex Discrimination Act. But it claims legislation makes an exception for political parties - like Labour - who want to draw-up all-female candidate lists to satisfy internal dissatisfaction with the level of female political participation and raise the number of women in parliament from the current appalling low.

The Human Development report has drawn up a five point strategy for change which includes a demand that governments take serious steps to reach a previous UN target of female participation in national decision-making of 30 per cent. But the report states that opinions differ about whether affirmative action - quotas should replace targets to achieve this.

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The mother of a 17-month-old baby is facing deportation after yesterday losing a plea in the Court of Appeal to be allowed to remain in the United Kingdom with her family under the

protection of European law. Three judges unanimously ruled in a test case that Kulwinder Phull, 27, from India, had no legal right to stay even though

she was married to a UK citizen.

Harpal, 30, and her young son. Haramjeet, was also British.

Lawyers for Mrs Phull, of

Greenford, west London, argued that her deportation

would infringe the rights of her husband and son as Euro-

pean Union citizens under the Maastricht treaty.

Ian Macdonald QC, for the

Phull family, argued that the treaty expanded the existing right of EU citizens "to reside

and move freely within the ter-

ritory of member states". As a

result, Mr Phull now enjoyed "a

European right" to reside in the UK which ran parallel to his ben-efits as a British citizen - and in-

cluded the "right of family

reunion". He argued that the

courts were legally bound to

stop the family being split up by

Cold War papers: Secret Foreign Office unit used private sources to disguise government role in winning hearts and minds

### Healey was conduit for anti-Soviet propaganda

Reports by SCOTT LUCAS and JOHN CROSSLAND

The 1948 papers of the Information Research Department, a top secret section of the Foreign Office, confirm the department's mission was to win "hearts and minds", both in the free world and behind the Iron Curtain, at the onset of the

This was done through private sources who had spread the IRD's message without refer-ring to the government. They included a young

Labour Party official named Denis Healey, later to become Foreign Secretary. In June 1948, a junior officer of the IRD noted: A meeting should be held with Mr Healey of Transport House to discuss the possibility of the British Labour Party opening direct contact with the Socialist Party and Trade Unions in Burma.

This was the start of a relationship in which Mr Healey. then International Secretary of the Labour Party, became one of the most important "pri-

IRD. Papers released at the Public Records Office yesterday confirm that Mr Healey, now Lord Healey, helped spread the anti-Communist message to socialists in Europe and Asia.

The IRD initiated the relationship with Mr Healey. Christopher Mayhew, the junior minister in charge of the IRD, wrote to Mr Healey about the Burma situation and arranged a meeting between IRD representatives and the Labour Partv official.

Soon, however, Mr Healey

was volunteering names and projects to the IRD. In November, he passed on the names of prominent emigrés, including former high-level officials in the Hungarian, Polish and Czech governments. Adam Watson of the IRD noted that it could notify the BBC of the émigrés and ask "Mr Healey to act as an intermediary and to suggest articles that they might write" for publication.

A month later Mr Healey, after attending an international conference of socialists, provided Mr Watson with a list of the key figures in the Dutch,



Winning the peace: Denis Healey, (left) and Roy Jenkins, both in uniform, at Labour's party conference in June 1946 Photograph: Hulton-Deutsch

Norwegian, Swedish, French and Italian Socialist parties. The IRD immediately added the names to its distribution list for anti-Communist briefings. Mr Healey was instrumental

Talking Points, defended increases in British defence spending while warning that "the only class of Russian manin providing Labour Party mahood exempt from military serterial for the IRD to spread vice is the male ballet dancer". In June 1948, Mr Mayhew

proposed that Freedom First, a TUC pamphlet that relied on IRD material, begin an edition for trade unionists abroad. The department would provide information and funding.

But the IRD was concerned about the standard of writing; articles like "Take the lid off the

strident. Mr Healey passed on the concerns to the pamphlet's editors. To preserve the covert mocrats as their number one enrelationship between the government and the TUC, he offered the suggestions as his own. Lord Healey said yester-

quired [to the IRD] because the Soviets regarded Social Deemy." He said that his link between the Labour Party and the Eastern European émigrés

Mrs Phull's deportation. But Lord Justice Leggatt. Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Schiemann disagreed. In a joint judgment which will affect many other similar cases, they ruled that the treaty did not apply to "purely internal" situations in a particular country and no additional right of citizenship had been created.

They dismissed the Phull family's application for judicial review of the Home Secretary's refusal last August to revoke the deportation order.

Mrs Phull first arrived in Britain in May 1989 and entered into a first marriage which failed. The deportation order was made against her in May 1991. a month after she married Harpal.

Lawyers for the family asked for leave to appeal to the House of Lords on the grounds that it was an important test case which might have to be decided by the European Court of Justice. The udges refused leave.

The Home Office undertook not to proceed with Mrs Phull's deportation until after she had an opportunity to petition the

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talk [which was reprinted in the Listener] was so phoney that one wonders how the BBC allowed itself to be led up the garden path by her. The only thing that is true is that almost everybody in Moscow lives in a flat ... It is not much good our planning The ambassador, Sir Maurice anti-Communist psychological The BBC's response reflect-

> Jacob, director of BBC External Services and later director-

general, suggesting that in fu-ture "they should get their regret the fact that it was broadcast. The script was Russian experts to check the repassed with the important proliability of speakers on Russia before they are allowed to come on air, or take other effective steps to vet them and their scripts". Relaying this to Sir Maurice be urged: "The fact that I have written to Jacob should be kept confidential."

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viso that the producer made clear that Mrs Watts was a privileged person in Moscow and was describing the life of a commissar. Jacob tells me that our Russian section got hold of Mrs Watts and cross-questioned her. They found her rather unintelligent and got very little that was useful from her.'

Sir Ian agreed to go along with the IRD in channelling anti-Communist propaganda after having his doubts allayed

Jess success in listing the documentary film units. Its attempt to merge the work of the independents such as Movietone and Gaumont Pathe was doomed from the start. On 2 October 1948, CF McLaren reported back to Mr

Warner and Christopher May-

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# Watchdog calls for 'poor water' refunds

**MARY FAGAN** Industrial Correspondent

Ofwat, the water industry watchdog, is calling for compensation for customers affected by falling standards of service during the hot spell. The regulator wants companies to come forward voluntarily but may also seek to have compensation enshrined in the industry's Guaranteed Standards

A spokeswoman for Ofwat said that the idea is in the early stages, but could cover loss of water pressure as well as the introduction of standpipes - which is becoming increasingly likely in parts of Yorkshire as the drought continues.

Hundreds of thousands of customers were left without water for several hours earlier in the summer, as others turned on their hosepipes, causing huge surges in demand.

Ofwat stressed that it would not cover hosepipe bans, adding that customers "ought to pay" when they use excessive amounts of water.

The compensation could cost the industry millions of pounds. At present, companies have to pay in some cases of unaccept-able interruption in supply, but there is no cover for use of standpipes. The introduction of new compensation would need Government approval.

Ofwat also attacked the companies for failing to manage their resources. The spokeswoman said: "We are not taking about short term fixes. Over the last few years if companies had spent more on leakage then the water might have lasted a few more weeks." Leakage from pipelines in North West Water and Yorkshire Water's regions is 30 per cent or more, and they are among the companies

worst hit by the drought. The water industry in England and Wales has invested £15bn since privatisation in 1989 and is to invest a further £14bn by the end of the decade under the

regulatory regime. About one-fifth of investment so far has been on water distribution.

The risk of moorland and grass fires mounted as the long dry spell continued with no promise of any rain last night. Five fire crews and 20 Peak District rangers were last night dousing burning peat and heather on Derwent moors, west of Sheffield.

A helicopter ferried water supplies from a nearby reservoir, but drifting smoke forced the closure of the A57 Sheffield-Manchester route. The moorland is a site of special scientific interest and Peak District National Park officials said they feared hares, and fledgling merlin, skylarks and meadow pippits may have died in the flames.

in the border counties of England and Wales helicopter patrols are to be mounted to ensure that farmers comply with a ban on pumping water from the River Wye from today. Fines of up to £20,000 are possible.

National Rivers Authority officers will support the daytime air operation with night monitoring. The restrictions will remain until 30 September unless there is sufficient rain. Yesterday, William Court-

ney, chairman of Southern Water, revealed at the company's annual meeting in Brighton that the garden at his home in Weybridge, Surrey, which is supplied by a French-owned water company, was parched.

Mr Courtney, facing questions about company profits and a hosepipe ban on 200,000 householders in Sussex, told shareholders that be felt sorry for gardeners but said he too had "a lawn like concrete and roses with no leaves".

Southern Water's hosepipe ban was due to excessive demand, he said.

Southern Water has made a pre-tax profit of £143.4m, but Mr Courtney said the company would not be giving money hack to customers



### More salt in diet could help chronic fatigue

CELIA HALL Medical Editor

More salt in the diet together with heart drugs may be the answer for thousands of patients who suffer from chronic farigue syndrome, according to new research from the United States.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins University Medical School in Baltimore believe they have found a link between chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) - also known as myalgic encephalo-

known as myalgic encephato-myelitis (ME) - and a form of low blood pressure.

Professor High Calkins, di-rector of electrophysiology in the school's cardiology division, said yesterday that if their ideas prove to be true then many CFS patients who put themselves on restricted "healthy" low-salt diets may be doing themselves more harm than good.

The latest study from the Johns Hopkins researchers in-volved 23 CFS patients and will be published later this year. However, the European newspaper said in a report yesterday that 19 of the patients treated with increased salt and drugs. 15 improved, and 9 recovered

completely.

Professor Calkins said that although their sample was small, the link was sufficiently inter-esting to mount a full, scientif-

ically controlled trial, which is

was now being set up. The association has been made between neurally mediated hypotension (NMH) and CFS because of the similarity of the symptoms that follow fainting episodes. After faints the NMH patients often complain of abdominal discomfort and

aching muscles. The theory is that if patients suffer episodes of low blood pressure several times a day or a week this could be sufficient to render them constantly fatigued. The link was made in an earlier study reported in the Lancel in March, which described seven adolescents who fainted after exercise.

They were treated with more salt in the diet and heart drugs and four out of seven got better. All had suffered lightheadedness and fatigue after exertion, most also had nausea, headaches, abdominal pain and problems concentrating. Four were already diagnosed as having CFS. The drugs were used to steady the heart rate which works harder during episodes to increase the blood circulation. They were given a tilt test used

to diagnose NMH, in which patients are put on an upright tilt table for up to 30 minutes. This can induce fainting or lightheadedness in affected people.

### Pools winner denies deal to share fortune

A man who won £1.8m on the pools yesterday told a court that he had never made a gentleman's agreement to share his fortune with his workmates.

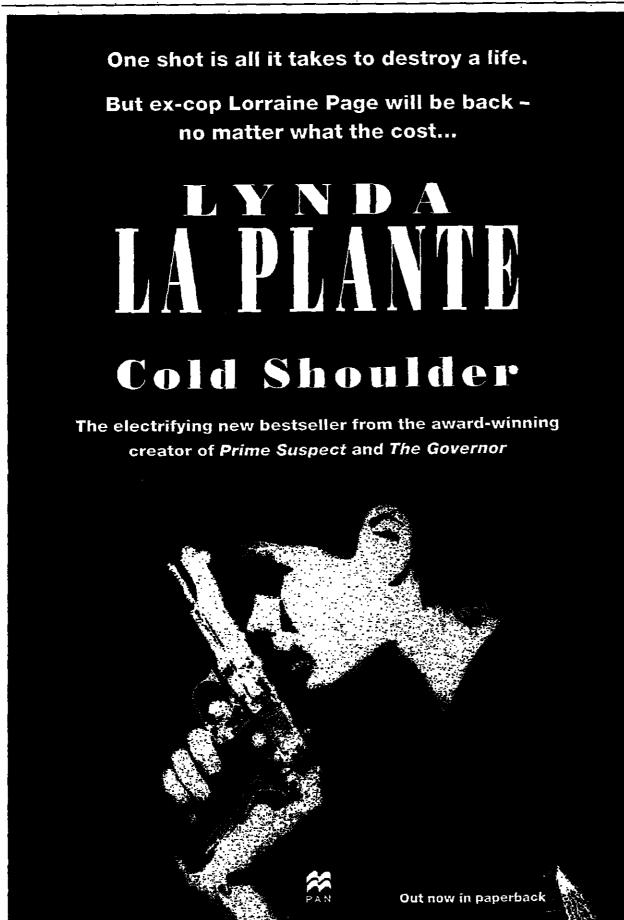
Paul Pitt, 28, denied owing three former friends £25,000 each as part of a deal to share the money if any of them won more than £1m. Martin Foulds, 27, Graham Ware, 27, and Andrew Sullivan, 30, claim Mr Pitt still owes them their share after his Littlewoods Pools win more than two years ago.

Mr Pitt, told Portsmouth County Court that he had never agreed to pay them and had never heard of "the big one" the phrase his friends used to describe the jackpot win.

Mr Pitt said that his former workmates at Pall Europe Engineering in Portsmouth, Hampshire were either mistaken or lying when they had told the court they knew about

the agreement.
The three claimants, who are suing him for breach of contract, claim that he won £1.8m on an individual Littlewoods coupon which was covered by the gentleman's agreement they had all shaken hands on.

The case continues today.



#### Man faces jail for kidnapping cat - like taking a child," Recorder Ann Curnow said to Bass as she

A woman's Persian cat was kidnapped by a property developer in a row over money, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Nigel Bass demanded her cat is akin to that which oth-£10,000 for returning the animal. "It has not to be a straight swap - money for the cat," he told Ilona Szekere, 32, of reports after he admitted black-

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Bass, 33, of Shepherd's Bush, west London, was arrested after Miss Szekere reported the matter to police and a meeting was arranged at which the cat was to be returned in exchange for money. He told police: "I must have been temporarily insane ... It's like a bad bloody dream. The whole thing is a sick



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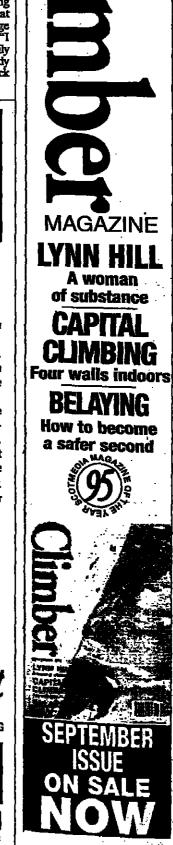
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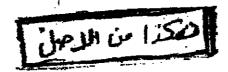
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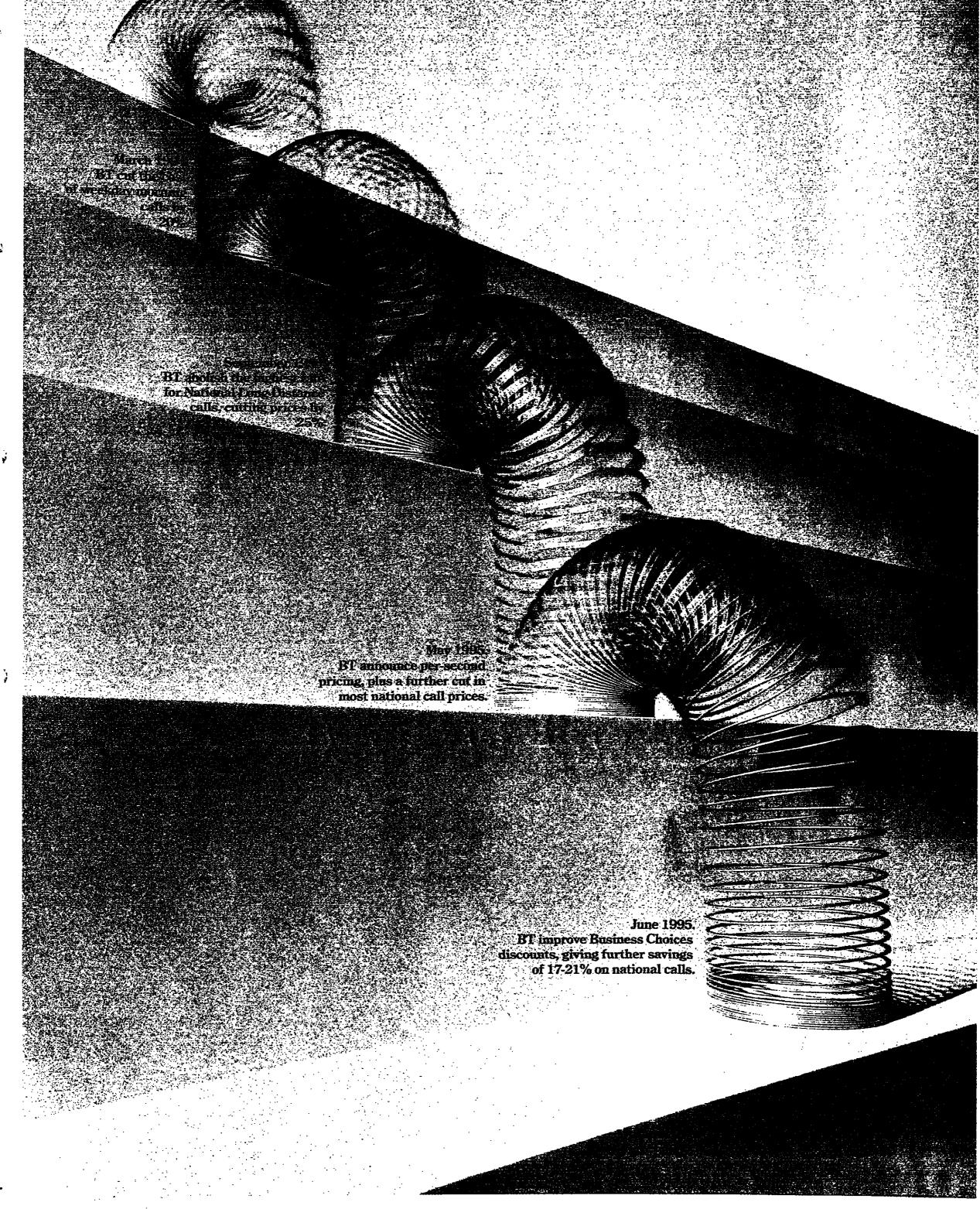
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### Navy has £12m to meet gay challenge'

STEPHEN WARD Legal Affairs Correspondent

Gay rights activists claim that defence chiefs have set aside millions of pounds in next year's budget to meet compensation claims if the courts rule that their ban on homosexuals in the armed forces is illegal.

The gay rights pressure group Stonewall said it had seen confidential documents showing that in its latest 10-year spending estimates the Royal Navy has allocated £12m for that purpose for the 1996-97 financial year. It has not seen figures for the Army and the RAF, but said the other services would have made similar provision.

The forces were embarrassed by having made no advance provision for the millions of pounds they had to pay out in com-pensation after court rulings that they had acted unlawfully

But defence chiefs yesterday

insisted that there was no contingency money to pay for an estimated 250 servicemen and Women who are planning to claim money if the courts rule against the MoD.

In October, the Court of Appeal is due to hear a test case involving three men and a woman who were forced to leave their jobs in the armed forces because of their sexuality. Whichever side wins, the case is virtually certain to be referred to the House of Lords.

When the case first came to the High Court, Lord Justice Simon Brown said it was with "hesitation and regret" that the court decided it could not overturn the ban on gays in the armed forces. The tide of history is against the Ministry of Defence. Prejudices are breaking down - old barriers are being removed." he said.

Later this year, a Commons select committee will recon-

denied Stonewall's claims. A sider the policy, which leaves Ministry of Defence spokesman Britain virtually isolated in the Western world - and the Government will decide whether to renew the ban when it passes a new Armed Forces Bill next year. Opponents claim that guidelines on appropriate conduct by service personnel would prevent any difficulties with

lifting the ban on homosexuals The four service personnel had applied for judicial review of the ban after being forced to leave the forces despite impec

Service chiefs argue that ho mosexuality could corrupt young soldiers, and undermin morale and efficiency.

Armed Forces ministers

recognised that the judges were calling for a review of the system, and pledged to study what they had said very carefully. However, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday that it would not be taking any action or review before the Court of



On call: Two soldiers from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers stand guard by a Green Goddess engine near the Liver Building in Liverpool yesterday.

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### Low-tar brands 'do not cut risk ' of heart attack'

LIZ HUNT Medical Correspondent

Smokers in their thirties and forties have five times as many heart attacks as non-smokers. according to the largest British study to date involving almost 14,000 survivors.

The findings show that both low and medium tar cigarettes substantially increase the risks of heart attacks at all ages. The report, in the British Medical Iournal, says that "irrespective of whether low or medium tar cigarettes are used, about threequarters of smokers in their thirties, forties, and fifties, need not

have done so. . ."

Dr Rory Collins, of the clincal trial service unit at Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, which supervised the research, said: This huge study shows there is no such thing as a safe cigarette they're all good at killing you.

The younger you are, the bigger the proportion of heart Imperial Cancer Research attacks caused by tobacco. When cigarette smokers have a study, said: "If you happen to heart attack in their thirties or survive your first heart attack." forties, there is an 80 per cent chance that tobacco caused it."

For those aged 50-59, the corresponding figure is 66 per cent, falling to 50 per cent at age 60-79. The researchers analysed smoking behaviour and blood

profile data from 13,926 heart attack patients discharged from British hospitals over five years and 32,389 of their relatives. They found that at for people aged 30 to 39 the risk of

heart attack in smokers was about five time that in non-

smokers. For those aged 50-59, the risk was about three times greater for smokers, and even at ages 60-79 there was a twofold risk.

Although heart attacks appeared to he more common among smokers who favoured medium tar cigarettes, the difference in risk between smokers and non-smokers were far greater than any differences in rette and another.

The researchers concluded that far more heart attacks could be prevented by not smoking than by changing from one type of cigarette to another. However, they point out that a maximum tar yield of 12 milligram cigarette now being introduced in the European Union to reduce the carcinogenic effects, is unlikely to increase the incidence of heart attack and may will decrease it. Professor Richard Peto of the

Fund, who took part in the then stopping smoking still makes you much less likely to have another. But stopping before you've had a heart attack is even better. Smoking causes about two dozen diseases, Overall, about half of all persistent cigarette smokers eventually get killed by tobacco."

Women who smoke during pregnancy have a greater risk of dying prematurely from tobacco related-diseases, such as hing cancer, and accidents and suicides, according to a report from Finland in the BMJ.

### Veal convoy PC denies telling driver not to stop

A policeman who was escorting the lorry which crushed the animal rights campaigner Jill Phipps under its wheels yester-

rhipps under its wheels yester-day denied telling its driver to keep moving at all costs.

On the third day of the in-quest into the death of the 31-year-old mother, Michael Mansfield QC, for the Phipps family, but it to the traffic refamily, put it to the traffic policeman who led the lorry convoy that he had instructed the driver not to stop moving.

PC Steven Arnold, who was

driving a police van in front of the vehicle on the way to Coventry airport, denied he told the driver to leave it to officers to cope with protesters who tried to throw themselves in front of the truck. But he told the jury that before the convoy moved off he had not briefed the driver to stop if he felt there was any danger to pedestrians. PC Arnold said he only found

out that Ms Phipps had gone under the lorry when another officer told him. He said: "I left the vehicle and an officer said there had been an accident. I saw a young lady apparently un-der the front nearside wheel of

the cattle lorry."

Mr Mansfield suggested that
the failure of the officer to radio back information about protesters on the road and his lack of advice to the driver to stop was "extremely negligent".

He said: "You were in fact saying to him don't stop, and once you got moving, you didn't. You weren't intending to stop."

He asked the officer: "Did you tell him there would be a few stragglers running about but don't you bother with them, don't pay any heed to them - we will deal with them?"

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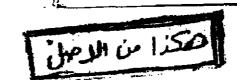
The officer replied: "I don't think I said anything like that."
He added he felt a van full of officers behind the truck had the responsibility to deal with demonstrators. He would not accept that his failure to halt the convoy was "seriously negligent driving and escorting".

Pictures from a police video show PC Arnold's van continued moving down the road af-ter the truck crushed Ms Phipps and the officer admitted he was unaware of what had happened until he heard screams. It was earlier revealed that a

police document instructing

drivers to stop if they were in doubt of the safety of any pedestrians was not produced until the day after the tragedy. Police admitted they had drafted the instructions partly in response to what had happened to Ms Phipps. Chief Inspector Jonathan Bond, said the instructions were only drafted after the accident because the tactics of the protesters were changing on a day-to-day basis. Mr Mansfield remarked:

You don't wait until the horse has bolted before you close the gate." Ch Insp Bond replied: "It takes nothing away from the driver to observe the basic rules of the highway code."



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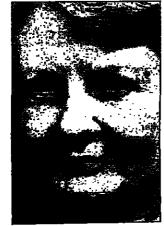
Senior health service managers who allowed a doctor to be suspended on full pay for almost 12 years have been roundly criticised for wasting more than £600,000 of public money and attempting to conceal the total costs of the case.

The report by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (PAC) found that those responsible. . . seemed to find it easier to continue pay-ing out public funds rather than take firm action. . . " over Dr Bridget O'Connell, a consultant paediatrician at King George V Hospital in Ilford, north-east London. Dr O'Connell received almost £440,000 in salary payments during her suspension. The PAC found it "quite un-

acceptable" that the eventual settlement last year, authorised by the NHS Executive, includ-

ed a confidentiality clause cov-ering the costs of the case. "Such a condition is likely to impede accountability for a serious waste of public money ... We consider that this aspect of the settlement was quite inconsistent with the proper con-duct of public business," the report says.

It was a matter for "serious criticism" that the former North East Thames Regional Health Authority failed to confront the problem of how to resolve Dr O'Connell's suspension. It also criticises the Department of Health and the NHS Executive for ignoring health ministers' instructions in 1988 to settle the dispute quickly. It says



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Dr Bridget O'Connell: said patients' lives were at risk

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By Robin Robertson

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against the darkening window: the glass funches under thrown hail. Unhinged, the television slips us hold,

how the geese scull back at twilight, how the lighthouse walks its beam

across the trenches of the sea. He cannot tell her how the open night swings like a door without her.

DAILY POEM

Robin Robertson, senior editorial director at Jonathan Cape,

concludes the series of five publishers whose poetry has appeared in the Daily Poem this week. He was born in the northeast of Scotland and educated there and in Canada before

moving to London. His poetry has appeared in the London Review of Books and the New Yorker, but he has also been re-

sponsible for bringing a range of new voices to public attention including Vickie Feaver, John Burnside, Matthew Sweeney, Sharon Olds and David Dabydeen. This year Cape has published the collections of Michael Longley, James Las-

suspensions may not be "sufficiently robust" to prevent such

events being repeated.

It was only Dr O'Connell's decision to sue the authority for breach of contract in 1990 that brought one of the longest running NHS disputes to a head. In May 1994, the authority abruptly withdrew all the allegations against her and disciplinary proceedings were halted. She took early retirement but was made an honorary consultant for the region on full pension, and recerved £154,000 in damages and legal costs. Excluding the authority's legal costs, the total bill was £593,409. Dr O'Connell, 60, now a locum consultant in Ireland, was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Despite the failures of man-

agement, neither the NHS Executive or North East Thames took any disciolinary action the report says. An investigation by the executive is under way.

Dr O'Connell was suspended from King George V Hospital in December 1982. The PAC was told there had been a breakdown in relationships between Dr O'Connell and other staff, which was disrupting patient services. She claimed there were dangerous deficiencies in child care at the hospital, outof-date and abusive practices. and low staffing levels which were putting lives at risk. The hospital, now part of Redbridge Healthcare, says her claims were without foundation.

A spokesman for North Thames Regional Health Authority (the successor to North East Thames) said it had con-ducted a full review of the O'Connell case and the findings had been passed to the NHS Executive. The managers blamed by the PAC report were no longer working in the region and most are now retired.

Ken Jarrold, director of huresources for the NHS Exthat Dr O'Connell's suspension continued for more than 11. years. But the NHS was now better prepared to deal with other cases more effectively.

Under new guidelines introduced in October 1994, suspensions are reviewed after three months by hospital trust boards, and any case not resolved after six months is reported to the NHS Executive.



Butterfly picnic: Inhabitants of the London Butterfly House in Brentford, west London, cluster round as Tim Maynard, general manager, offers a pot of a hair remover made of sugar and water. Finding 50,000 pots of the product to be unsatisfactory, the Body Shop has donated them as food



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# Row and shooting sparked Iraqi defections \*

**ADEL DARWISH** 

The defection of two sons-in-law of Irag's President Saddam Hussein and their wives to Jordan began with a row at a family dinner which led to a shooting incident, according to an account published by an Arabic newspaper in London.

Asharq al-Awsat, a daily owned by the Saudi royal family, said its source was an aide to Major General Hussein Kamel Hassan al-Majid, former minister of military industry and the husband of President Saddam's eldest daughter, Raghad. He and his brother Saddam Kamel Hassan al-Majid, a colonel in the Iraqi missile forces who is married to another Saddam daughter, Rana, fled to Jordan with their wives last week.

The defection has heightened tension between Iraq and the US. The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt is anchored off the Israeli port of Haifa to prevent any attempt by Bagh-dad to put pressure on Jordan, and Pentagon officials said yesterday that US forces were being built up in and around the Gulf after the detection of "unusual" military movements near Kuwait which began five weeks

The Washington Post reported yesterday that two senior US officials visiting the region

with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait being asked to supply the oil Jordan gets from Iraq. The pa-per said the plan would be presented by Robert Pelletreau, an Assistant Secretary of State, and Mark Parris, Special Assistant to the President, who arrived in Amman yesterday.

The granting of asylum to the al-Majid brothers has encouraged Washington's hopes that King Hussein of Jordan will join more fully in the effort to bring down President Saddam. Jordan

An attempt by the dictator to discuss sanctions problems led to the falling-out

refused to join the US-led alliance which drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991. According to the Arabic newspaper's account, it was an attempt by the Iraqi dictator to start a discussion of he problems caused by sanctions which led to the falling-out in his inner circle. At a dinner in his stronghold,

Takrit, on Monday last week, he asked his guests, the leaders of the ruling Takriti family, what could to be done to rescue Iraq from economic hardship and lift the sanctions imposed

by the UN. A heated exchange followed between factions of the family, in which President Saddam's two sons, Uday and Qusay, were on one side, and the president's half-brother. Watban Ibrahim, and his son, Ahmad, on the other. They traded accusations about who was responsible for the policies which led to the US refusal to enter into dialogue with

Although President Saddam trusts his half-brother implicitly, Mr Ibrahim was forced to resign as interior minister a few weeks ago to "take responsibility" for the latest failure to escape sanctions. At the dinner, Mr Ibrahim defended his cousin, the former minister of defence, Ali Hassan al-Magid, removed at the same time, and told President Saddam that they should not be the only scapegoats. The rest of the cabinet should have been sacked as

dustry, General Hussein Kamel Hassan al-Majid was in charge of the projects - nuclear weapons research, chemical weapons and the "supergun" programme - which have caused the UN to continue sanctions. Mr Ibrahim's accusation was that General al-Maiid had chosen aides who had inadvertently given the Americans too much information. The president's half-brother

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Affection undiminished: Saddam Hussein arrives for a meeting yesterday with the military experts who worked with Hussein Kamel Hassan President Saddam's two sons, especially Uday's editorials in his newspaper, Babel, which he said had generated anti-Iraqi feeling in the Gulf. Uday responded so apprily that his father asked him to leave the

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French nuclear testing, writes

At a meeting in Brisbane, the

environment ministers of the

South Pacific Forum nations

called for an immediate end to

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demanded that France release

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Blast fall-out: Japan leads international outcry in wake of underground explosion less than two weeks after Hiroshima commemoration

### Pacific enraged as China Peking's last chance to push button confirms 43rd nuclear test

**TERESA POOLE** 

China's penchant for ill-timed nuclear tests prompted an international outcry yesterday. Less than two weeks after the world commemorated the 50th anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, Peking confirmed that it had conducted an underground nuclear explosion at its Lop Nor test site in western China.

It was China's 43rd nuclear test. The previous one, in May, occurred only days after Peking agreed to an indefinite exteneration treaty. The Foreign Ministry yesterday said Chinahad exercised utmost restraint" on nuclear testing. Peking has pledged to cease testing once a comprehensive test-ban treaty comes into force. Until then it will proceed with its test programme, arguing that China has carried out fewer tests that other nuclear states.

International pressure over nuclear testing has increased since France announced it will resume testing at the Mururoa Atoli site in the Pacific next month. Yesterday Paris would not comment on China's test. Wednesday, China

deported eight Greenpeace activists, including two photographers, for taking part in an anti-nuclear protest in Tiananmen Square. In Australia, the Prime Min-

ister, Paul Keating, said his countrymen were angry that "both China and France have decided to continue testing nuclear weapons". The New Zealand Prime Minister, Jim Bolger, said the test was "all the more reprehensible in the light of the current widespread protest at France's decision to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific".

The strongest reaction came from Tokyo, where the Foreign Minister summoned the Chision of the nuclear non-prolif- nese ambassador, and the government threatened cuts in aid.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary, Koken Nosaka, said: "We seriously regret China has again conducted nuclear tests today at a time when not only Japan but the whole world was renewing the wish for nuclear disarmament after the 50th anniversary of the war and the first nuclear bombs."

Britain said it was not surprised: "You could characterise our response as resigned to the fact that there will be one or two tests from various parties such as the Chinese or the French," a Foreign Office spokesman said. Sydney — Fourteen South

Pacific countries condemned



Thin blue line: A Tokyo policeman guarding the Chinese embassy from Japanese anti-nuclear demonstrators

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### tested in the 1980s, and more

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

Despite the outrage stirred up in the Pacific by its nuclear test yesterday, Western nuclear weapons specialists believe China remains committed to a comprehensive nuclear test ban

Like France, China has decided to take the last opportunity to perform more tests before a total ban comes into force, to demonstrate its ability to build smaller multiple warheads for smaller missiles.

The Chinese underground test took place at the Lop Nor site south east of Urumqi in the Xinjiang autonomous region, at 0100 GMT yesterday. It created a small earthquake, measured at 5.6 on the Richter scale. and the explosion was estimated as equivalent to 60,000 tons of TNT - relatively large by test standards.

With this 43rd test, China is catching up with Britain, which has conducted 44. France has conducted 192 tests since 1960. Peking says it has conducted relatively few tests - Britain. after all, had substantial technical help from the US in

developing its nuclear weapons Last week at the disarmament negotiations in Geneva. France agreed to a comprehensive test ban treaty covering all nuclear explosions - including very small ones, which it had previously asked to be excluded on the grounds they were needed to check the safety of China and France are devel-

oping miniaturised nuclear warheads, suitable for fitting to missiles to be launched from submarines. China has been developing submarine-launched ballistic missiles and land-based, solid-fuel ballistic missiles which are safer to store and quicker to launch.

The latest nuclear tests appear to be connected with the development of smaller, solidfuel missiles, possibly with mul-

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recently China has introduced the "M" family of mobile, landbased missiles. Two mobile missiles, the Dong Feng ("East Wind") -31 and -41, with ranges of 5,000 miles and 7,500 miles. are also under development.

Multiple warheads would be a logical development, although according to the authoritative Nuclear Weapons Datahook, the Chinese may be pursuing these technologies "as much to demonstrate their ability to master them as to gain any tangible security improvement".

The need to preserve technological prowess is also part of the British and French nuclear weapons programmes.

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# Bradley hints at independent presidential bid

Washington

Bill Bradley, the widely respected New Jersey Democrat who this week announced his retirement from the Senate, yesterday held out the prospect of an independent run for the presidency, and said he had been in touch with General Colin Powell, who is expected soon to make clear his own White House intentions.

Declaring he still considered himseif a Democrat, Mr Bradley confirmed he would not challenge President Bill Clinton for the party's nomination. "But I have not ruled out an independent route," he told a Newark press conference in words that only add to uncertainty over the line-up for the 1996 election.

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The 52-year-old former basketball star and Rhodes scholar indicated he planned a series of public meetings, "to see what happens". Although he was not "at this point" thinking of an independent candidacy, he would consider it "if it would help get the country back in the

Gen Powell was just one of 120 people he contacted about his decision not to seek a fourth term. "I called him to let him know what I was doing." Mr Bradley said without elaboration, adding that he had also unsuccessfully tried to contact Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire

who staged the best showing by

an independent in 80 years. Whether made from courtesy or some deeper motive, the mere fact of such calls will increase speculation of a concerted independent candidacy for the White House, to tap into a public discontent which polls show is greater even than in 1992, when the eccentric and egotistical Mr Perot won 19 per cent of the vote. There was even speculation yesterday that Mr Bradley and Messrs Perot and Powell might be planning to join forces in an independent cam-

paign next year.
"The little people and the run in 1996. middle-class are frustrated and feel left out of the system," Mr Bradley declared yesterday, in language that could just as easily have issued from Mr Perot. 54-46 majority.

future. Polls have shown that up to 50 per cent of voters would welcome other choices on the ballot paper next year, especially if the big party candidates are Mr Clinton and Bob Dole, the Senate Majority leader and current Republican front-runner. "I can do more good by being outside the system than inside it." Mr Bradley insisted.

Despite his relative youth, generally admiring press cov-erage and his acknowledged expertise on issues ranging from Russia to race relations, Mr Bradley would have serious handicaps if he did make a White House run, whether next year or - as many believe more likely - in 2000. He is one of the least electrifying speakers in US
politics, while his popularity in
New Jersey at least has been
ebbing to the point where he
might have lost his seat had he

His departure, however, ensures it will be tougher than ever for the Democrats to regain control of the Senate, where the Republicans have a

Paris bomb: Basque terrorists and Algerian fundamentalists come under suspicion

### Fears over lax security measures

The explosion near the Arc de Triomphe during yesterday evening's rush hour - the second attack close to a Paris landmark in a month - will prompt questions about the effectiveness of security measures taken since the first attack.

Several thousand people a day have been stopped and asked for identity papers in Paris and other big French cities since the bombing of Saint-Michel metro station, near the cathedral of Notre Dame last month. But no one has been held in connection

with the explosion.

Automatic left-luggage lockers at mainline railway stations were closed, and notices went up in public places instructing people not to leave bags unat-tended. Litter bins on the platforms of railway and Métro stations were sealed, and some big stores and galleries introduced their own security checks. Litter bins on main thoroughfares, however, were left in place unscaled, and it was in one of these that yesterday's bomb

was planted.

While hoping that the latest attack could provide chies to the first bombing, anti-terrorist officers cautioned against making an automatic link between the two. They noted that a different group could have been responsible, trying to use the cover of the first bomb to mis-



Although the Saint-Michel bomb is now generally accepted to have been the work of Algerian fundamentalist terrorists, the possibility of a Basque connection with yesterday's bomb cannot be excluded. It has been widely reported that it was French police who tracked a Basque terrorist cell plotting an

Spain in Majorca and that it was on the basis of their intelligence that members of the group

were rounded up last week.

The only tangible and publicised progress in the Saint-Michel investigation has been the identification by Algerian in-

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tablish an Algerian link beyond attack on King Juan Carlos of three photofit pictures of "imany doubt. portant witnesses" issued by French police. The identification of the man as a member of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), one of the most ruthless Alger-

ian terrorist organisations and

the one that carried out the hi-

jacking of the Air France plane

The type of bomb - explosives pressed into a camping gas cylinder - was characteristic of Algerian terrorist groups. However, none of the three claims of responsibility - all from Algerian groups and two from the GIA - has been authenticated.

### A coup too far for Guatemala's former leader

Unless he stages another coup. Efrain Rios Montt won't be ruling Guatemala again, even indirectly. Election officials have rejected the presidential candidacy of his wife, Maria Teresa Sosa de Rios, who was proposed by the Guatemaian Kei Front after Mr Rios Montt was again refused the opportunity to run for president. He took power in a 1982 coup and ruled during one of the bloodiest years in

Guatemala's history. Mr Rios Montt wants to lead the country again, but has been thwarted by the constitution: it prohibits people who have participated in coups from holding the office. Ms Sosa de Rios was barred because

Stallone: He liked the bank so much, he bought it ...

relatives of former presidents are not allowed to run for the top job, and because she was not elected by the party's general assembly. On Monday the Supreme Court stripped Mr Rios Montt of his congressional immunity and suspended him for voting to replace the officials who invalidated his candidacy.

Carlos the Jackal has been in jail in France for a year now, awaiting trial on terrorism charges. He reportedly spends his days reading, writing, lifting weights and exas-perating his guards. Now he has to concentrate on finding a new lawyer, after sacking the flamboyant Jacques Verges. Mr Verges told Reuters he had not seen his client, Illich Ramirez Sanchez, for six months. "I made the decision not to go

share views on defence strategy and the counsel's role," he said. Carlos is not expected to face trial for months, and is now in solitary confinement in the Fresnes prison outside Paris. The prison w keeping him under close surveillance is a heavy burden at the overcrowded jail, and complain that he gets special privileges, such as extra showers. One of his female lawyers was once accused of sitting on his lap in jail, and a guard said he was once given a beer. Still, it's a far cry from the days of whisky and women he enjoyed before his capture in Sudan last August.

awyers for Nelson Man-Ldela and his estranged wife, Winnie, have begun to discuss divorce. Ismail Ayob, the South African President's lawyer, told Reuters that the talks were under way, but that legal steps were not likely to be taken soon. "The matter is being dealt with sensitively and is being discussed between lawyers," Mr Ayob said. Legal sources said an amicable divorce would be straightforward where there was no prospect of reconcilia-tion. Mr Mandela, 77, and Winnie, 60, were married in 1958. They separated formally in April 1992, two years after he was released after 27 years in prison for opposing white rule. She was sacked from his cabinet in April.

Rocky or Rambo in be a difficult sight to conjure up. Sylvester Stallone, the Hollywood heavyweight, has bought a 7.1 per cent stake in Yardville National Bancorp, a New Jersey holding company. The announcement came as Stallone signed a reported \$60m (£37.5m) three-film deal with Universal Pictures. the largest ever between an actor and studio. Stallone, however, isn't the first member of his family to make money in Trenion, New Jersey. His handsome younger brother Frank, who played a street singer in Rambo, used to perform with a rock group called Valentine - and sell kisses for \$1 for charity.

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Balkan turmoil: Serbs reel from Croat attacks on Trebinje and Drvar - Washington presents new peace plan to Milosevic

# Dubrovnik battens down for shell-storm

The old stone statue of Dubrovnik's medieval defender is entombed in protective pine casing while his descendants mass in the mountains to the east, preparing for a battle to push Bosnian Serb guns out of range of the walled city.

"The war is going to begin to-morrow - I will bet on it," said Ivo, as he sat in a bar singing Dalmatian folk songs with his

Soldiers wandering through the town refused to answer questions about the eagerly awaited offensive against Bosnian Serb forces around Trebinje, about 10 miles away across the Bosnian border. But many residents echoed Ivo's views and expected the relative calm to be shattered soon.

In the main square, workers yesterday nailed a wooden shield around the 15th-century statue of Knight Orlando, holding the sword that symbolises the many sieges of Dubrovnik (or so the guidebooks say), and raised scaffolding before the doors of medieval churches to protect the

A soldier complained of being recalled to duty early, while Ivo's friends said they had sent their children away for the time being. For us the only so-lution is that we are out of range of their artillery," said Nikola Obuljen, the mayor. "You never know when they are going to throw their shells," he added, noting that although the old

walled city has escaped fire since the start of 1992, the sur-

rounding villages have been shelled for three years. People are impatient, they can't live any more in these conditions," he added. The UN estimates the Croats have sent at least 4,000 troops with heavy guns and armour into the area. They are well-hidden in the Dalmatian mountains, or across

the border in Bosnia. The silence at a checkpoint a mile short of the frontier was disturbed only by the chirping of crickets. Only 24 hours earlier, the air was filled with the sound of rocket fire, much of it directed east. Further south, beyond the village of Dubravka, which sits beneath the huge peaks of Montenegro and Bosnia, irate Croatian soldiers

"This is war," said the commander grimly. "You must get out." We are not the foreign visitors Dubrovnik wants.

"We never asked for their nationality or their religion - just for their money," said Ivo. "But a few kilometres away in Trebinje there is an invisible wall between two cultures." His friend Enio works in

Dubrovnik with two Serbs: "They are certainly OK, we are friends. But they are wor-ried about their relatives." The men believe the city will suffer when the Crost army at-

tacks Trebinje. They think there is an unspoken agreement: you shell our town, we will shell yours. So far, Trebinje has escaped bombardment; they don't think that will last. "We will either fight or die: there is no other way," said Sasa.

"But what kind of people can shell a place like this?" The polished stone streets are empty, the stout medieval towers converted to bomb shelters the red roofs braced for their fate, the people eager for a conclusion and a return to real life.

"All my life I dreamt of seeing the city without tourists."



Fire alarm: A young Croat dousing logs with water from a rucksack, on a Miside

# US plan asks Serbs to give up east Slavonia

SARAH HELM

The new US peace plan for formet Yugoslavia calls on Serbia to withdraw its forces from eastern Slavonia, the last chunk of Croatian territory still held by Serbian forces, following the recapture of Krajina.

The withdrawal from eastern Slavonia is one of the key concessions sought by the US from Belgrade in return for the lifting of sanctions, according to

US diplomatic sources in Zagreb. The proposal was one of a package of measures put by US mediators yesterday to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, in Belgrade.

The plan also calls for a right of return for the Serbian refugees who fled the Croatian army conquest of Krajina and protection of their property. UN sources scoffed at this element

of the plan yesterday, reporting new evidence that Croats had set whole Serbian villages alight in south of the region, burning crops and looting. Belgrade has been promised

that Croatia would accept a wide degree of autonomy for Serb-populated areas and full monitoring of human rights. For two years after the Serb withdrawal, the area would be placed under UN administration after which it would be fully integrated into Croatian

territory and Serbia would recognise Croatian sovereignty. But only days after the launch of the latest peace effort, doubts are growing about the plan's viability. The Bosnian government is reported to be divided. fearing that it will be left with

a fig-leaf state, lodged between Croatia and Serbia. European Union diplomats say that the window of opportunity" for the peace initiative, created by the shift in the strategic balance, will last "only weeks".

deal is described as "all for all" - the lifting of all sanctions in return for peace and the recognition by Serbia of Croatia and Bosnia.

The carve-up of Bosnia would apportion 49 per cent to the Bosnian Serbs and 51 per cent to the Muslim-Croat federation, as envisaged under previous plans, with the Serb area federated to Serbia proper and the Muslim-Croat federation linked to Croatia.

nary elements of the plan is the US idea that the final borders should be policed by UN forces from Muslim countries, particularly Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The US appears to envisage a time when the Europeans have washed their hands entirely of peace-keeping in the area and withdrawn These Muslim countries have soldiers that don't mind being shot at if there are Nato air

strikes," a US source said.

the surrender of Gorazde, EU diplomats in Zagreb believe that the Muslims may yet be forced to make the concession, in return for gaining more land around Saraievo. The Bosnian Serbs may be granted a wider corridor of

that Washington is pressing for

land in the north of Bosnia to link the lands it bolds in the east and west, while giving up terri-tory abutting the Muslim-Croat

Karadzic tells troops to fight to the last artillery range of the "Pearl of the Adriatic", although there were unconfirmed indications Split, and 43 coaches south of | er who was repairing curtains on rights of access to the Adriat-Makarska, which are able to



CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, yesterday called on his military commander in the encircled town of Drvar, western Bosnia, to defend it "at all costs", as the Serbs recled under the double blow of Croat attacks in western Bosnia and the threat of an offensive north from the city of Dubrovnik.

The movement of at least 4,000 Croatian troops into the Dubrovnik area, to push the Bosnian Serbs out of artillery range of the historic Croatian

city, and the Bosnian Croat push towards Drvar are connected politically rather than strategically, military sources

and western diplomats believe. There appears to be no unifying strategic plan, although both capitalise on the confusion and loss of morale among the Bosnian Serbs following the unexpectedly swift Croatian recapture of the Krajina region. Croatian forces were yesterday in position for an attack northwards from Dubrovnik, to drive Bosnian Serbs out of that the Serbs had begun to withdraw anyway. If a big attack takes place, it may go down in history as one of the few campaigns in the history of war motivated by a desire to reinvigorate the tourist industry. But the UN believes there is

more to it than that. The town of Trebinje, just inland and under Bosnian Serb control, is understood to have been included in the US peace plan as one of the areas to be handed to the Bosnian Croats in exchange for Bosnian Serb

ic. It also houses an important power station, which would feed Dubrovnik, and lies on the junction of roads leading north

Most of the Serb artillery that is threatening Dubrovnik is based in the Trebinje area. The Croatian Puma brigade was reported to be in the Dubrovnik area and there were also unconfirmed reports that the 1st Guards Tiger brigade was in

On Tuesday sources counted 68 Croatian army vehicles heading for Dubrovnik past the Dalma warehouse, south-east of

transport up to 2,400 troops. UN sources said that the coaches had been carrying part of the Puma Brigade, and that 1,500 troops of the 4th Brigade, which is based in Split, had also moved

The Bosnian Serbs north of Dubrovnik have guns with a range of more than 2km (12 miles), so the Croatian army will need to push them back from their present positions about 12km from Dubrovnik, north of Trebinje and the valley called Popovo Polje, probably seizing the next range of hills.

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Speaker stands in as president

São Tomé - Leaders of a coup in São Tomé and Principe named the West African island nation's parliamentary speaker as interim president, after having failed to set up a wide-ranging government of national salvation. The coup leaders. speaking two days after their bloodless coup, said Francisco Fortunato Pires would be charged with "re-establishing legality", a statement which presaged a probable return of he deposed president, Miguel Provoada. The appointment of Pires appeared to be a face-saving device, avoiding the coup leaders having to hand back power directly to Trovoada. observers said.

Felix weakens

Manteo, North Carolina - Hurricane warnings were dropped along the North Carolina and Virginia coast as a weakening Hurricane Felix dawdled at sea for a second day. As many as 200,000 people had fled coastal communities on Tuesday, filling motels for hundreds of miles

**Embargo lifted** 

New York - The UN Security Council unanimously approved a one-year suspension of the arms embargo on Rwanda, in response to a plea from the new Tutsi-led government. The ban was imposed in May 1994 against the previous government of led by the rival Hutu ethnic group. The new government made the request for fear of a new offensive by Hutu militias based in refugee camps in neighbouring countries. AFP

Key appointment

Wellington - A New Zealand Appeal Court judge, Michael Hardie Boys, was named as the country's next governor-general. He will take office next March and could prove a key figure in negotiations to form a government after the first elections under the proportional representation system. Reuter

Barracks blasted

Madrid - A huge bomb attributed to the Basque separatist organisation Eta exploded early yesterday at a Civil Guard barracks in Arnedo, injuring 40 people, writes Elizabeth Nash. The barracks building is in the north-eastern province of La Rioja.

Two-death plunge

Bangkok - A Danish woman was killed while sunbathing when a man who jumped from a high-rise building in an apparent suicide landed on her. Kirstan Mogensen, 19, was killed instantly, together with the man who jumped, a workthe 19th floor.

Editor ordered bugs

Jerusalem - A court charged the editor of Israel's second largest tabloid newspaper of wire-tapping, bribery, and paying a witness to keep silent, the Jus-tice Ministry said. The indictment, issued after a year-long investigation, alleges that the editor of Maaris; Ofer Nimrodi, ordered the telephones of his colleagues and those of rival newspaper editors tapped, and bribed a telephone company employee to arrange the bugging. Reuter

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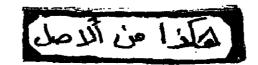
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### Six-Day War atrocities: Veteran's account of captives in Egyptian uniforms being shot the desert adds fuel to scandal



Haunted past: An Israeli guards Egyptian prisoners at El Arish in 1967, the base

## Israelis admit war crimes

**ERIC SILVER** Jerusalem

Gabriel Brun, a Jerusalem journalist who served as a signals sergeant-major in the 1967 Six-Day War, described yesterday how he saw fellow Israeli soldiers shoot dead five prisoners of war in Egyptian uniforms.

His story added fuel to an escalating scandal sparked by a retired brigadier-general, who confessed to executing 49 Egyptian prisoners during the 1956 Suez war. Egypt, with whom Israel signed a peace treaty in 1979, has demanded a full account. The Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, who was chief of staff during the 1967 war, has ordered an

investigation. "What I saw happened on the morning of 7 June, the third day of the war," Mr Brun, who was then 24, told the Independent.
"I was at El Arish airfield in the Sinai desert, attached to the headquarters of an armoured division, I saw 120-150 Egypt-

executed." hands tied behind their backs in a makeshift hangar made of sandbags. About 20 yards away I saw a trestle table with two men sitting behind it, their

faces masked with khaki handkerchiefs. Individual prisoners were pushed out of the group. brought before this table and apparently interrogated. Some were sent back.

"I was about 30 or 40 yards away, so I couldn't hear what was said. I saw one man ques-tioned, then marched about 200 yards into the desert by two military policemen. "He was given a shovel and

started to dig. After about 15 minutes, I saw the shovel thrown out. Then each of the two soldiers fired a round into the hole. Another guy was brought and shot, falling into the same hole. A third prisoner was brought to cover up the

grave, then was marched back. "I saw five prisoners killed in this way. Earlier I had heard 10 similar shots. I interpreted those

ian soldiers sitting with their to mean that another five were

Mr Brun said an officer explained to him afterwards that the victims were Palestinian "terrorists", who were wanted for murdering Israelis and had tried to get away by merging with the fleeing Egyptians. The

'A prisoner was given a shovel and started to dig. Then he was fired at'

interrogators were officers in army intelligence.

Arye Biro, 69, the retired brigadier who admitted killing 49 Egyptian PoWs in the 1956 war, told reporters on Wednesday he was not proud of what he did, but did not feel like a war

the same circumstances I think I would do it again."

Mr Biro commanded a paratroop company which dropped in the Mitla Pass, one of the two main routes from central Sinai to the Suez Canal.

We were hundreds of kilometres behind enemy lines," he said. Egyptian planes were flying over us unhindered. Egyptian troops were pouring into the area, and the prisoners were shouting, Just you wait. the Egyptian army will slaughter you.

The paratroops were ordered to head south. According to Mr Biro, they had no transport for the prisoners and feared they would reveal the Israelis' posttion. So he and a licutenant ordered the prisoners to lie face down, then shot them. They didn't cry out." Mr

Biro said dispassionately, "It was all over in a couple of minutes." The paratroops brigade commander was General Ariel Sharon, now an opposition

(ESTIMATED)

what I did," he said. "but under Likud MP. He was not in the Mitla pass at the time of the executions. But the battalion commander, Rafuel Eitan, was, Mr Eitan, who rose to chief of staff, is now a hard-right candidate for prime minister. Asked if Mr Eitan ordered the killings, Mr Biro replied: "Ask

him. According to Meir Pa'il, a military historian and retired colonel, Moshe Dayan, who was chief of staff in 1956 and defence minister in 1967, repri-manded Mr Eitan for the

killings during a meeting with battalion commanders. Michael Bar-Zohar, an au-thor and former Labour MP who handled Dayan's public relations after the 1967 war. said: "In every one of our wars, lsraeli soldiers have killed PoWs. The high command did not want it, but it was tolerated up to a point. I know of only one case - in the 1982 Lehanon War - where an officer was court-martialled for killing a prisoner.

### Bermuda votes to stay **British**

PHIL DAVISON

The islanders of Bermuda overwhelmingly rejected independence from Britain, by a margin of three to one, in the hurricanedelayed referendum on

The Premier, Sir John Swan, who had pushed independence for Britain's oldest colony, said he would fulfil his promise to resign as soon as his ruling United Bermuda Party (UBP) chose a successor, expected within days. He has been in power for almost 14 years.

here as the islands' leading cricket commentator, led the UBP's anti-independence faction and is favourite for the

The size of the margin sur-prised even the anti-independence camp yesterday. It brought sighs of relief from local and foreign businessmen.

The vote had threatened to turn into a racial issue. The minority white population was firm in its determination to remain British but there were fears that the majority blacks, mostly middle-class, might have expressed what had been perceived as a growing sense of black nationalism. In the end, fear of change, of giving up the comfortable lifestyle, appeared to rule the day.

The abstention rate was unusually high, reflecting both a call from the opposition Progressive Labour Party (PLP) and the fact that many Bermudians saw the referendum more as a political power-play than Apart, perhaps, from the most diehard pro-British white Bermudians - who make up 30 per cent of the population most islanders agree indepen-dence is inevitable.

The referendum confused many - one columnist described

it as the referend-umm-umm because it was called by Sir John after his last re-election two years ago despite the fact he had never mentioned the word independence in his campaign. His move split the UBP and redrew traditional party lines.

In a famous speech only a few years ago, Sir John had said: With the Americans to feed us and the British to defend us, why on earth would we want to be independent?"

The PLP had always pushed for independence but found itself forced to back off to avoid supporting the Premier.

Instead, the PLP fudged its stand, saying constitutional changes must first be made and that the issue should be decided in general elections.

Of the islands' 37,841 eligible voters, 22,236 - 58 per cent - turned out. Only 5,714 people voted "Yes" to independence while 16,369 rejected it. While that margin was 25 per

cent to 75 per cent of votes cast, a more significant figure was the fact that the "Yes" vote was only 15 per cent of eligible voters. Under the referendum law, a minimum 40 per cent of eligi-ble voters, or about 15,000, would have had to vote "Yes" to set independence in motion.

Breaking away from Britain would mean taking control of defence, foreign affairs and internal security, at present controlled by the governor, Lord He echoed a statement by the

Queen that Britain would have respected an independence vote but also respected a majority desire to remain a dependent territory.

"It's obvious the matter has been defeated," Sir John said yesterday after the results were announced outside the Wesley Methodist Church hall in Hamilton, where counting had

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### Kashmir rescue plan rumoured

TIM McGIRK Srinagar

Speculation that an attempt may be made to rescue four Western hostages in Kashmir, including two Britons, rose yesterday with reports that one of India's top security advisers had arrived here with a commando unit.

Indian authorities dismissed the possibility of a last-minute rescue mission to save the four kidnapped tourists, who are under threat of death by Kashmiri rebels. Scotland Yard hostage negotiators have flown to India to advise the British High Commission.

General Krishna Rao, governor of Kashmir state, where the Westerners were seized by Muslim extremists six weeks ago while on a holiday trek in the Himalayas, said yesterday that a rescue attempt by the army was unlikely to succeed. "Out there in the blue, in the high Himalayas, unless we're certain we can return these people without harm, it's not advisable

to carry out an operation." Police sources told the Independent that the Indians had re-

ceived reliable intelligence on where the rebels where holding the tourists at least four times but chose not to risk a commando raid on their mountain camp. The Al-Faran kidnappers, are reportedly moving the hostages through the icy ranges

of Kashmir. The governor disclosed that officials are in contact with the rebels at least once a day through a go-between in Srinagar. "We are in touch with him by radio and telephone. We don't know if he's a militant or

a local representative." The rebels, who beheaded a Norwegian tourist, are threatening to kill the others unless India frees 15 jailed separatist leaders. Indian authorities yesterday set free 24 Kashmiri militants, but none were those named by AJ-Faran.

Nearly all the Kashmiri secessionist groups fighting ludia have condemned Al-Faran's killing of the Norwegian and are demanding that the two Britons - Keith Mangan, 33, from Tooting and Paul Wells, 23. of Nottingham – along with an American and a German, be freed unconditionally.

### Frank Cvitanovich

Frank Cvitanovich was a documentary film maker of rare expressiveness; every frame of every film he ever shot bore the impression of his own personal vision and pervasive character. That vision was essentially a deeply humane and sympathetic one and was the inspiration behind a clutch of award-winning documentaries as diverse in subject matter as Bunny (1972), a moving account of the treatment given to his own brain-damaged son in a Philadelphia clinic, The Road to Wigan Pier (1973), a touching evocation of George Orwell's literary original; and Beauty, Bonry, Daisy, Vi-olet, Grace and Geoffrey Morton (1976), a lovingly made film about shire horses and the Yorkshire farmer who reared them.

Such was the beauty and insight with which Cvitanovich that it won the 1977 Prix Italia, sharing the prize that year with The Naked Civil Servant, the dramatisation of Quentin Crisp's autobiography. It was typical of Cvitanovich's ap-proach that he should hold both man and beast in the same clear-eyed regard and he gave to his film such a powerful and unforced sense of the whole earthly cycle of creation that no one who saw it will ever forget its imagery and the way in which

That sense of wonder was a quality Cvitanovich never lost. All through his career he followed his own star and, as a truly creative film-maker, he resolutely contrived to remain a one-man band - as writer, director, editor and producer. But he was also particularly lucky in finding Thames Television as a place of work during the Seventies where, under the enlightened sponsorship of Jeremy Isaacs, then Director of Programmes, he was allowed his head as a documentary maker. Those who lament the passing of ITV's golden age by citing the loss of the big cultural blockbusters should remember that it was programmes like these - virtually now impossible as projects for the ITV network - that contributed as much as anything to the texture

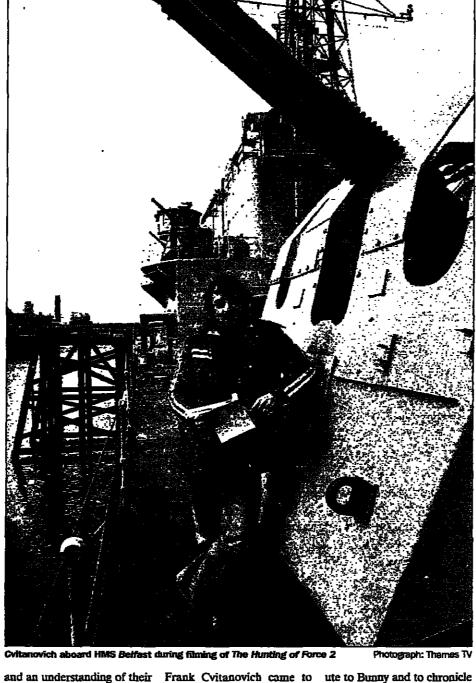
of ITV's programming. Cvitanovich possessed a remarkable appearance, huge, grizzled and bear-like, with dark-ringed eyes that seemed sadder than a panda's. But in fact he was gregarious, enjoyed

tered was like coming upon a figure out of a Jack London story, a prospector from the Klondike or a trapper from the northern snows. His background and his youthful career were as exotic and romantic as his appearance suggested. Born in Vancouver, he was one of five children of an immigrant Yugoslavian from the coast of Dalmatia. In Canada his father founded his own salmon-fishing fleet in which the young Cvitanovich first went to sea as an apprentice. His passionately devoted mother was also a powerful influence and had her work cut out reclaiming her errant son from any number of youthful escapades. These early adventures were of a kind to strike awe and envy when read on the inside flap of a book's treated this multiple portrait of dustjacket. He tried his hand as five mares and their master gambler, poker player, seaman. gambier, poker player, seaman, theatre hand, film runner and professional American footballer and nearly settled down to this last occupation having almost qualified to join the famous Los Angeles Rams. However, a severe knee injury put an end to the promise of a football career. His TV career effectively began when in California some time later he amiably conned his way into an assignment to direct an episode of Gene Autry's The Singing the ordinary stuff of rural exis-tence was touched with wonder. Cowboy and went on to direct a further 31 episodes. In the mid-Fifties Cvitanovich came to London to set up his own film

social life and when encoun-

Bunny, his first film for Thames, the story of his own afflicted child told with understandable poignancy but a rare sensitivity and detachment was also his first prize-winning film, receiving the International Emmy. The Road To Wigan Pier followed soon after and three years later came Beauty, Bonny, Daisy, Violet, Grace and Geoffrey Morton, which confirmed his reputation as one of the finest and most personal documentary makers of his time. Saturday's Heroes, a study of footballers observed at close range in the showers and locker rooms of White Hart Lane charted the emotional highs and lows of competitive sport. For Cvitanovich, sport was a passion and it was appropriate that his first film, The Switch Hitter, was the portrait of a baseball player past his best, combining the director's own

fascination with sporting types



physical and human fallibility. Also in his gallery of sportsmen were film portraits of Frank and Bobby Charlton, The Charlton Brothers, and the motorcyclist

Barry Sheene. Other films which showed his own very personal choice of subject were the day in the life of an East End park, The Kilnsey Show, about a Yorkshire wall-building competition, and a dramatised version of John Osborne's first volume of autobiography. A Better Class of Person, a difficult subject most effectively realised.

The quality, which marked Cvitanovich's films, was implicit in the character of the man himself, a character which drew not only admiration but invariably affection; he was someone who combined an exceptional measure of the gentle and the

Derek Granger

Frank Cvitanovich came to ute to Bunny and to chronicle Britain from Canada in 1957 for the weekend - and stayed, writes Brenda Reid. a team of loving friends

To those of us who got to know him then, it seemed as though he had been part of the film and television world forever. In London, he would amble around Soho and the outer reaches of Bond Street disappearing into doorways and emerging with a film can. a script or occasionally, a little treasure from Sotheby's. There was a deep, dark sad-

ness at the heart of Frank's life. His only, adored son, Bunny, was born with brain damage and for the few short years of his life, Frank devoted himself to helping Bunny, always believing that if only he tried hard enough one day, somehow, Bunny would flourish. His film, Bunny, the most personal of all his hy Valerie Wad films, was made both as a trib-August 1995.

the ways in which Frank, his third wife Midge Mackenzie and

struggled to help him develop. None of his friends had seen him happier than in the last years of his life with "the fifth Mrs Cvitanovich," as he called her, Valerie Wade, whom he had known and loved since she was a child. Although dogged by ill-health latterly, surviving a heart by-pass and a major leg opera-tion, Frank always made everyone's future seem brighter.

Frank Cvitanovich, film-maker. born Vancouver 14 August 1927; married secondly Alison See-bohm (marriage dissolved), thirdly Midge Mackenzie (one son deceased; marriage dissolved); fourthly 1978 Janes Street-Porter (marriage dissolved 1988), fifth-ly Valerie Wade; died London 12

### **Helen Morris**

To several generations of postgraduates and undergraduates of King's College, Cambridge, the English literature scholar and champion of education Helen Morris was an institution - and a hugely benevolent institution at that. For nearly four decades, the welcoming home of Christopher and Helen Morris at No 5 Merton Street, in the Newnham district of Cambridge, was the scene of innumerable parties, including regular gatherings at 11.30am on Sunday mornings.

For the benefit of the young, who they felt should meet the distinguished figures of Cambridge, the Morrises would invite E.M. Forster, a regular visitor, and Noël Annan, the philosopher Richard Braithwaite, the anthropologist Mey-er Fortes, the economists to Helen Morris at a time in er Fortes, the economists Nicholas Kaldor, Richard Kahn, Dick Stone, Harry Johnson and Robin Marris, the classicists Sir fessor Ron Bryden, from Cana-Frank Adcock and Patrick da, and Professors Ken Cable Wilkinson; the scientists Kenneth Harrison, TR.C. Fox and E.S. Shire, and many others. Her husband Christopher Morris, Senior Fellow in History, author of Tyndale to Hooker and many other books, one

lifelong friends. of the great Cambridge teachers of his generation, doted on Helen - and justifiably set considerable store on her opinion of people and students. On one occasion, as a firstyear undergraduate, I went to Morris with my contemporary student Julian Jebb, Hilaire

Belloc's witty and clever, albeit academically idle, grandson with an essay on the German emperor Otto the First. He was annoyed with both of us, with me for having relied totally on the work and opinions of Professor Geoffrey Barraclough, of Liv-erpool, of whom he disapproved and with Jebb for not having produced any work at all, with the excuse that the Battle of the Lech was not important and the Ottos did not interest him in the least anyway. Dismissing us from his room, he softened his attitude by saying "However, Helen approves of you both". We sensed that we were forgiven. The imprimatur of Helen was a considerable asset.

Helen Morris's greatest contribution in that part of her life which related to King's College was the generous hospitality she bestowed on all students, especially those from overseas. She made a point of finding out who was lonely in their first few weeks in Cambridge and made sure, whatever they were reading, that they got invitations. Not only historians were brought in to the Morris fold. Economists who were to forge international reputations, Mahbub-ul-Haq.



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of the World Bank, then a shy undergraduate, Lal Jayawar dena from Sri Lanka, Michael Bruno, the future Governor of the Bank of Israel, have all told their lives when they needed such welcoming friendship. Proand Anthony Melville, later vice chancellor of the Australian National University, Professor Arthur Jenkins, from South Africa, Dr Alex Kwapong were just a few of the overseas students who were the Morrises'

Helen Soutar was born in Dundee. Her mother's family, the Stewarts, were jute mer-chants trading with Calcutta. Often ridden with guilt, dreading to think what her Scots ancestors might have got up to in exploiting people in Bengal she would make students from the subcontinent especially

welcome in her home. Her father, Charles Geddes Soutar, was a working-class Dundee boy, a real Scots "lad o' pairts" who became a distinguished architect, President of the Royal Incorporation of Architects of Scotland and Vice-President in 1939 of the Royal Institute of British Architects, in London. He designed the distinguished war memorial at Monifieth, Strathcaro Hospital and many other functional buildings. Keen that his daughter should exploit her talents in mathematics, he moved her from Dundee High School to St Christopher's School, Letchworth, in Hertfordshire, in order to gain entrance to Girton College, Cambridge. However after a year at Cambridge, Helen changed from the maths tripos - she said that she realised she was no budding Einstein and it

mankind - to English. Her first book, Portrait of a Chef (1938) was about Alexander Soyer, pioneer of the use of field stoves in the Crimean War

was the most arcane mathe-

matics course known to hu-

and one of the originators of soup kitchens for poor people in the 19th century. Spending the Second World War as a temporary civil servant, partly in the Admiralty where her husband whom she had married in 1933 also served, she returned to Cambridge to bring up her family and involve herself in tuition. In 1958 she was given a full-time post at Homerton Teachers Training College, being pro-moted to Head of the English Department in 1960. Her colleague John Ball, lecturer in psychology and education at Homerton told me of her as siduous concern for her students
- especially those who came without the Cambridge case to manner". Ball told me that he

and his colleagues were amaked by the perception, detail and kindliness of the reports which she gave on students at Homerton. Helen Morris's attitude was "I must begin by saying something positive, whatever I say later in the report."

Her own contribution to literature re-started with her Eliz-

abethan Literature (1958), which attracted the Home University Library. Critics regarded her interpretation of Marlowe as both accurate and in many ways original. In the early 1960s she published pamphlets on Shake-speare which were invaluable for sixth-formers - Lear in 1965, Richard II in 1966, Antony and Cleopatra in 1968 and Romeo and Juliet in 1970.

Her most remarkable book was an anthology called Where's That Poem? (1967). It was really a reference book for teachers as to where they could find in British poetry references to a particular subject. For example, if a teacher wanted to do a lesson concerned with "sheep" in poetry, the anthology would reveal where such references could be found. Over a quarter of a century this book was revised in several editions, the last of which was in 1992 when Helen Morris was struggling with enormous courage against a myriad of illnesses and the tragedy of the premature death of their talented son, Charles. Her husband predeceased her by two years.

Until the very end Helen Morris displayed an excitement about education which benefited all around her.

Tam Dalyeli

Helen Soutar, writer, educationalist: born Dundee 3 September 1909; lecturer, Homerton College of Education 1958-75, Head of English Department 1960-75; married 1933 Christopher Morris (died 1993; one daugher, and one son deceased); died Cambridge 13 August 1995.

### John Cameron Swayze

John Cameron Swayze was a pioneer of television newscasting in the United States

Until 1948 the American networks had relied on the cinema newsreel companies to provide them with daily packages of newsreels. State of the art programmes began on the Columbia Broadcasting System's network with Television News with Douglas Edwards, a 15-minute early-evening show sombrely presented by one of Edward R. Murrow's young proteges. It followed the traditional standards of news integrity established by Murrow and used 16mm film which in those days was regarded as not quite professional, although its equipment was more manoeuvrable than 35mm.

In 1949 CBS's rival television network, the National Broadcasting Company, countered with the Camel News Caravan. also a 15-minute early-evening show, with a much more flamboyant personality as host. Like Douglas Edwards, Swayze had formerly been a radio newscaster. But by the age of 45 he had also become an expert showman. He had spent three years training as an actor in New York and on television he always wore a carnation in his lapel. Broadcasting, the Bible of the American television industry (or at least its Old Testament, as its Jewish publisher once corrected me) considered Swayze to be "the best-dressed TV news commentator . . . whose suave handling of the news matches

perfectly his handsome face and impeccable garb". He usually wore casual slacks below his formal tie and jacket, which led to rumours that he read the news in his underpants.

In a breezy manner Swayze would conduct live interviews, often down the line with NBC correspondents in other cities. He also provided vigorous commentaries to the film sequences used on Camel News Caravan. The six to eight film items regularly included came from the principal American news centres as well as from London and Paris, though before the establishment of satellite transmission film had to be flown across the Atlantic and could not be up

to date. It was because of the superi-

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wze: "That's the story, folks'

or visual quality of the 35mm film used on Camel News Caravan that BBC News Division abandoned its unofficial radio partnership with CBS and began its formal agreement with

NBC to provide the American footage for the television news service it had decided to start.

Towards the end of each Camel News Caravan Swavze would say, "Now let's go hopscotching the world for headlines!" There would then follow an assortment of items for which no film was available. Each event had to be reduced to one sentence. He would then conclude, "That's the story, folks. Glad we could get together."

Camel News Caravan was sponsored by the makers of Camel cigarettes who protected their product with certain ground rules. No news personage could be shown smoking a cigar - with the exception of Winston Churchill, whose world reputation gave him special dispensation. And film shots York City he became a jourof "No Smoking" signs were nalist on the Kansas City Jourstrictly forbidden.

great popularity with the growing television audience. In the 1950s he held other broadcasting posts such as a panellist on the NBC quiz show Who Said That? and the host of a children's educational programme Watch The World. After Camel News Caravan folded in 1956 he went to work for Timex, and read its television commercials for the next 20 years, popular-

ising the slogan "It takes a licking but keeps on ticking." John Cameron Swayze was born in Wichita, Kansas. After two years at the University of Kansas and a further three at the Dramatic School in New Florida 15 August 1995.

nal Post before turning to radio Swayze rapidly acquired a announcing and reporting. He reat popularity with the grow- and his wife Beulah Estes had a son and a daughter. All four used to appear in a 1950s television programme Sightseeing with the Swayzes. He died at his retirement home in Sarasota, the Florida resort where Barnum and Bailey's Circus used to

winter, a most suitable place for

an unabashed showman.

Leonard Miall

John Cameron Swayze, broad-caster: born Wichita, Kansas 4 April 1904; commentator, NBC, New York 1947-56; married 1932 Beulah Mae Estes (one son. one daughter); died Sarasota,

Antonio Espirito Santo, businessman, died 17 August, aged 61. A member of one of Portugal's most powerful business families, he was responsible for the non-financial divisions of their interests, mostly concentrated in Brazil. Lawrence R. Houston, intelli-

gence officer, died 15 August. aged 82. Known as the "founding father" of the CIA, he helped draft legislation which shaped the intelligence agency. Served as CIA general counsel from 1947 to 1973.

Oveta Culp Hobby, politician, died 16 August, aged 90. Appointed in 1953 as the first US Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Listed in 1994 by Forbes magazine as the 287th wealthiest person in the United States, with a family fortune estimated at over \$400m

#### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

CLOUGH: George Francis Gilbert (Frank), of Allmeadows, Wincle, on 15 August 1995 at the Christie Hospital, Manchester, after a short illness, Dearly loved husband of Hilary (formerly Ludlam), beloved finher of Harriet, David and Lucy and stepfather of John, Kit, Jeremy and Barbara. Service on Thesday 22 August at 12 noon at Wincle Church, Family flowers only, donations to the Causer Research donations to the Cancer Research Campaign. Christie Hospital. En-quiries to J.W. Brocklehurst & Sons, telephoge 01625 829232.

MANNING: Dr John, died peacefully on 16 August 1995, aged 83. Dearly kwed father of Linda and Geoffrey and much leved by all his family. Funeral at \$1 John the Evangelist, Ashton Hayes, on Thursday 24 August 1995 at 1pm. followed by cremation at Blacon, Chester, Family flowers only but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Treaturn 65 Green Law Vegas Cress. urer, 65 Green Lane, Vicars Cross,

ZEFF: Brian Stuart Lionel, on 16 August. Lovingly remembered and deeply missed by wife Paula, children Jon, Dan, and Susannah and prospec-tive daughter-in-law, Alison.

IN MEMORIAM ARDWICK: John Beavan, Lord

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Birthdays

Professor Roy Acheson, Emeritus Professor of Community Medicine, Cambridge University, 74; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 70; Sir Bryan Askew, former chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 65; Dame Josephine Barnes, gyaecologist. 83; Dr Ray Bettley, dermatologist 86: Mr James Birrell. former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 62; M Marcel Carné, film director, 86; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 75; Mr Robert Horton, chairman, Railtrack, 56; Dame Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 79; Sir John Mason, president, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), 72; Mr Hugh Peppiatt, chairman, Moor-fields Eye Hospital, 65; Sir David Pit-blado, former Comptroller and Auditor-General, 83; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 62: Sir Humphrey Potts, High Court judge, 64; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 58; M Alain Robbe-Grillet, novelist and film director, 73; Mr Willie Rushton, broadcaster, 58; Mr Patrick Shovelton, vice-chairman, Maersk Co. 76: General Bramwell H. Tillsley. General of the Salvation Army, 64; Mr Caspar Weinberger, former US Secretary of Defence, 78: Mr Charles Wilson, managing director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 60; Professor John Wilson, Emeritus Professor of

Anniversaries Births: Virginia Dare, first child of English parents to be born in America, 1587; Antonio Salieri, composcr, 1750; Franz Josef L Emperor of Austria-Hungary, 1830; Henry Cornelius, film director, 1913. Deaths: Genghis Khan. 1227; Pope Paul IV,

Economics and Commerce, Hull

University, 79; Miss Shelley Winters,

and inventor, 1874; Anita Loos, and inventor, 1874; Amia Lots, screenwriter, novelist and playwright, 1981. On this day: the Russians were defeated by Napoleon at Smolensk, 1812; the National Fire Service in Britain was establis 1941; the Tay Road Bridge was opened, 1966; in the Soviet Union, resident Mikhail Gorbachev, while rrestoem withhair Cutroschev, white on holiday in the Crimea, was seized and held prisoner, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Agapitus, St Alipius, St Beatrice or Brites da Silva, Saints Florus and Laurus and St Heiena.

Lectures

National Gallery: Rachel Barnes, Auerbach (iii): Is there a School of London?", lpm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Frances Musker, "Neo-classical Taste in Dress and Decoration (i)",

Tate Gallery: Mark Pimlott, "John Coplans", 1pm.

British Museum: Carol Michaelson, "Chinese Jades in the Hotung Collection", 1.15pm.

Receptions HM Government

The Earl of Lindsay, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and the Environment at the Scotlish Office, hosted a reception vesterday at Bute House, Edinburgh, to mark the Bicentenary of the death of James

Lincoln's Inn

The following have been elected as Officers of Lincoln's Inn for 1996: Treasurer: Lord Justice Peter Gibson; Mas-ter of the Library, Sir Maurice Drake; Dean of Chapel, Sir Michael Ogden OC; Keeper of the Black Book, Sir John Bulcombe; Master

Church appointments Canon Keith Jones, Vicar, St Maryle-Tower, Ipswich, and Rural Dean of Ipswich, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Dean of Exeter, succeeding the Very Rev Richard Eyre, who retires at the end of

The Ven John West, Archdeacon of Surrey, diocese Guildford, to be Suffragan Bishop of Tewkesbury, dincese Gloncester, succeeding the Right Rev Jeremy Walsh, who retires

The Ven Timothy Stevens, Archdea con of West Ham, diocese of Chelms ford, to be Suffragan Bishop of Durwich, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, succeeding the Right Rev Jonathan Bailey, Bishopdesignate of Derby.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath

begins in London at 8.03pm. United Synagogues: 0171-387 4300. United Synagogues: 0171-387 4300. Pederation of Synagogues: 0181-262 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Dake of York attends a reception for the White Ensign Association on board HMY Britannia in the Puel of London.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Goard at Plorse Guards, 11am: F Company Scots Guards mounts the Oucen's Guard, at sam Palace, 4rm.

#### Marc Rich & Co AG and others v

Bishop Rock Marine Co Ltd and others (The Nicholas II); House of Lords (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Steyn) 6 July

A marine classification society. when surveying a ship and pronouncing it seaworthy, owed no duty of care to the owner of cargo on board that ship and was not liable to the cargo owner for losses incurred when the ship sank.

The House of Lords by a majority (Lord Lloyd dissenting) dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff cargo owners, Marc Rich & Co AG, V/O Raznoimport, VPO Sojuzpolimetall and Pertusola Sud, and affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal ([1994] 1 WLR 1071), which allowed an appeal by the third defendant marine classification society, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK), against the preliminary ruling of Mr Justice Hirst ([1992] 2 Lloyd's Rep 481).

The judge had ruled that NKK owed a duty of care to the cargo owners when surveying a ship, the Nicholas H, owned by the first defendants. Bishop Rock Marine Co Ltd. and chartered by the second defena voyage from Peru and Chile and property at sea".

#### Ship surveyor not liable to cargo owner LAW REPORT

18 August 1995 to Italy and the Soviet Union.

The ship was pronounced seaworthy by one of NKK's surveyors, after a crack in its hull had been temporarily repaired while at anchor off the US coast, but it later sank, on 9 March 1986, with a total loss of the plaintiffs' cargo worth more than US\$6m. The plaintiffs' claims against the ship owners and charterers were respectively settled or abandoned. Peter Gross QC and Andrew Baker (Lovell White Durrant) for the cargo owners; Richard Aikens QC, Ionathi Harvie QC and David Edwards (Nabarro Nathanson) for NKK.

Lord Steyn said that in England no classification society, engaged by ship owners to per-form a survey, had ever been held liable to cargo owners on the ground of careless conduct of a survey.

NKK, founded in 1899 and headquartered in Tokyo, was the third largest classification society in the world, a nongovernmental and non-profitmaking entity whose purposes included "the improvement and development of various matters relating to ships ... so dants. Bethmarine Co Ltd, for as to safeguard the safety of life

To determine whether a defendant owed a duty of care, it was now settled law that the elements of foreseeability and proximity as well as considerations of fairness, justice and reasonableness were relevant to all cases whatever the nature of the harm sustained by the

plaintiff: see Dorset Yacht Co Ltd v Home Office [1970] AC 1004 at 1077D-E. The three requirements for a duty of care were not to be treated as wholly separate and distinct requirements but rather as convenient and helpful approaches to the pragmatic question whether a duty should be imposed in the circumstances of any given case.

Here, the ship owners were primarily responsible for the vessel sailing in a seaworthy condition. The role of NKK was subsidiary. The NKK surveyor's carelessness did not involve the direct infliction of physical damage in the relevant sense.

There was no contract between the cargo owners and NKK. The cargo owners simply relied on the ship owners to keep the vessel seaworthy and look after the cargo. The dealings between ship owners and cargo owners were based on the

bill of lading contracts, incor-porating the Hague Rules (as scheduled to the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971) and tonnage limitation, on which the insurance of international trade depended.

If a duty of care by classification societies to cargo owners was recognised it must have a substantial impact on international trade. The international trade system tended to militate against the recognition of such a claim. In all the circumstances, the recognition of such a duty would be unfair, unjust and unreasonable as against both ship owners and classification societies.

As for cargo owners, the existing system provided them with the protection of the Hague or Hague-Visby Rules. That protection was limited by those rules and by tonnage limitation provisions but any shortfall was readily insurable. The lesser injustice was done by not recognising any duty of care to them.

Lord Lloyd, dissenting, said the overriding consideration in this case was that the cargo owners had suffered physical damage to their cargo and such damage was caused by NKK's surveyor for which NKK was responsible on ordinary principles.

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Paul Magrath, Barrister

# The gurus we worship in the workplace

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**Charles Handy** 

Background: British businessman who worked for Shell Malaysia and as a City economist before moving to a professorship at the London Business

Books: Ten books published. The Age Of Unreason (1990) was his tour de force Big ideas: Well known for theories on the future of work, he is credited with the idea that lifelong careers are a thing of the past, and that future workers will need a portfolio of special skills rather than traditional career Heyday: ongoing

Source: Guide to the Management Gurus, Carol Kennedy



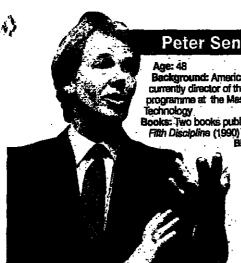
Henry Mintzberg

Background: Canadian academic. Engineering graduate who later studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is now Professor of Management of MacCit Holmorine Management at McGill University, Montreal Books: Ten books published. The Nature Of Managerial Work (1973) made his reputation, and emains his best known book Big Ideas: Responsible for the concept of

"Right Brain Management" - managing by instinct rather than by analytical skills. Also great proponent of strategic management



of which Re-engineering the Corporation (1993) is the most influential Big ideas: Chiefly known for the concept of 'reengineering' companies -radically radesigning the way people work and organisations to prepare them for the future Heyday: Ongoing



Peter Senge

Background: American business academic, currently director of the organisational learning programme at the Massachusetts Institute of Books: Two books published. Best known for The

> tashionable on the lecture circuit are Sence's ideas about the need for learning organisations' -businesses that think differently about traditional problems,

These thinkers influence how your desk is organised - or whether you have a job at all. Roger Trapp examines the power of the management theorists

worlds of organisations" have hardly been ecstatic. But that is unlikely to stop Beyond Certainty (published this week by Hutchinson, £12.99) becoming a best-seller. The reason is simple: Professor Handy is a management guru and, to many, he and his cohorts are a new priesthood. Their books vie for space in airport bookstalls with the novels of Jeffrey Archer and Robert Ludium, they are often media stars - with a select group earning several thousand dollars every time they stand up - and they attract loyal followings.

They are biggest in the United States, where the national psyche is more geared to self-improvement. But they are increasingly popular on this side of the Atlantic. Industrialists as varied as Sir Peter Parker and Sir John Egan praise their contribution.

The phenomenon of the guru has, according to Carol Kennedy, author of Guide to the Management Gurus, been expanding since the end of the Second World War. Just as sociology was the intellectual preoccupation of the 1960s, management theory sums up the spirit of the business-led 1980s - and continues in the 1990s as the corporate world seeks ways to escape from recession. The past 15 years have seen an explosion of interest in management and the growth of a powerful industry that takes in business schools, publishers and management consultancies.

For instance, business schools, once the preserve of the United States, are springing up everywhere. so that there are now nearly 100 in Britain; business books account for sales of about £25m in Britain and about 20 times that in the United States; and the leading British practitioners of consultancy - which barely existed as a profession a quarter of a century ago - achieved total revenue of more than £1bn last year.

All the parts of this industry feed off each other, so that book publishers, for instance, are inclined to hype up every author with any sort idea into "the next big thing". Meanwhile, consultancies desperately analyse these thoughts to peddle new services to their clients. Significantly, they also stand to gain hugely from the vogue for "down-sizing" or "rightsizing", since such job-cutting manoeuvres almost inevitably leave companies without the capacity to do for themselves the implementation that needs to supplement the gurus' thoughts.

The lines between gurus, business schools and consultants are in any case increasingly blurred. Competitive strategy specialist Michael Porter, for instance, is a director of the Boston-based consultancy Monitor, while Kenichi Ohmae, a leading thinker on global strategy, heads the Tokyo operation of McKinsey. And, as Leo Murray, head of the Cranfield School of Management, says, the schools are increasingly sitting down with companies in order to provide specific guidance. Professor Murray

The reviews of Charles Handy's believes that this will lead to two latest book on "the changing forms of guru emerging: the forms of guru emerging: the esteemed long-term thinker and the less celebrated door.

This growing sophistication also indicates a movement away from a reliance on vague concepts with little basis in reality. "Benchmarking" (comparing the way you do things with companies in other sectors as well as competitors), "total quality management" (concentrating on improving service at all levels of the business) and the like may leave many of us baffled, but other con-cepts - such as "diversification" and sticking to the knitting" - have

entered everyday business parlance. If you are curious about whether our organisation has succumbed look no further than your desk arrangement or who has authority to make a decision. Whether you are spread out or clustered in groups, whether responsibility is retained at the top or devolved, is more likely to be attributable to the influence of management theory than chance. Some concepts - especially when,

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designing the way we do our work). they are rooted in common sense are powerful, But the problem is that very few of them can be implemented piecemeal, so the tendency is to chop and change between them - leading to what is known in North America as the Bohica, or "Bend over, here it comes again", syndrome.

In spite of these drawbacks, interest is growing. Business people are being convinced that they live in an ever changing and increasingly complex world, and so need instant solutions to cope with it. The vogue for "emnowerment" and other concents. is making managers of us all. As a result, management cannot be left to the executives. Everybody needs to be at least familiar with the buzzwords. Equally, though, this widening of familiarity can breed a scepticism

when the gurus are not felt to have

provided all the answers. Handy's latest book is getting the thumbs down largely because it offers no fresh insights about "portfolio working", "shamrock organisations and the other concepts that so inspired readers of his previous works - The Age of Unreason and The Empty Raincoat. Similarly, Michael Hammer, the former computer science professor at MIT who introduced the world to business process re-engineering, has seen his stock fall as companies have

failed to achieve marked benefits.

Tom Peters is arguably still the king of gurus precisely because he has managed to stay a step or two ahead of his fans. In 1982, he and Robert Waterman published the best-seller In Search of Excellence, which singled out several companies as examples of "excellence". Most writers would have been ruined when two-thirds of these quickly fell from grace. Not Peters. A quick about-turn led to his next best-seller Thriving on Chaos beginning with the claim: "There are no excellent companies."

The other thing that keeps Peters at the forefront of many minds is his sense of showmanship. Frequently described as an evangelist or missionary, his stock-in-trade is the walkabout seminar or lecture, which typically ends with him dripping with perspiration and his audience fired with missionary zeal.

It is an act that has - on the back of lecture fees rumoured to amount to \$25,000 a time - made him a millionaire. He long since gave up his partnership at the management consultancy McKinsey & Co and now divides his time between north California and Vermont, where he and his wife keep llamas on a farm. But Peters is not the only one

making a fortune out of a concept that some see as the sociology or the cultural studies of the 1980s. Other gurus - notably Porter - earn significantly more than they would in academe through a combination of book royalties, lecture fees and lucrative consulting assignments. For the most part, consultants are faced with implementing what gurus such as they are talking about. This,

says Paul Sparrow, lecturer in human resource management at Manchester Business School, leads to the realisation that there is "a massive gap between the rhetoric and the people in the company

The result is the fads that even some gurus admit plague their busi-ness. Richard Pascale, a Stanford University professor, is probably better known for his graph plotting the shelf lives of management theories than for his belief that the key role of management is to create and break paradigms, or habits of thought. The Institute for Employment Studies' Peter Herriot, who is producing highly regarded work on the practical effects of the sort of things that Handy is talkmg about, teels - not all tongue-in-check - that it is almost a fad to talk about fads.

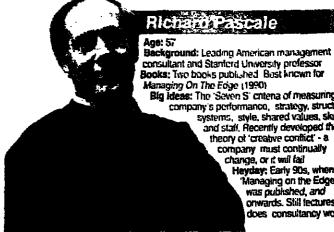
Whenever consultants and academics gather together, they like to try to predict the next fad. Most, though, grow out of the preceding one, as with "transformation". emerging from re-engineering.

In fact, for all the urgings from Pascale and others for a "holistic approach to management, the fads are likely to continue because, in an uncertain world, nobody really knows what to do. It seems safer to have a go at doing something even if you change your mind about what it should be - than to be caught doing nothing,



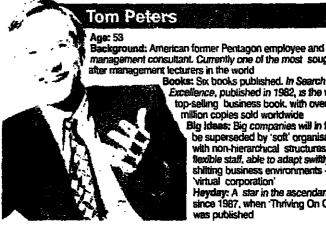
McKinsey's Tokyo affice Books: Five books published. The Borderless Big ideas: Believes that all large companies must establish themselves in the three main world trading blocs Europe, the USA and the Pacific Rim - or they will lose out Claims the wealmesses of wester

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Managing On The Foge (1990) Big ideas: The 'Seven S' criteria of measuring a company's performance, strategy, structure systems, style, shared values, skills and stalf. Recently developed the theory of 'creative conflict' - a company must continually change, or it will fail

Heyday: Early 90s, when 'Managing on the Edge' was published, and onwards. Still fectures and



management consultant. Currently one of the most sought-Books: Six books published. In Search Of Excellence, published in 1982, is the world's top-selling business book, with over 5 million copies sold worldwide Blg Ideas: Big companies will in future be superseded by 'soft' organisations

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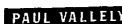
Michael Porter

Background: American academic - currently a Harvard Professor - who rivals only Tom Peters in international status and earning power on the management circuit Books: Nine books published, of which The Competitive Advantage Of Nations (1990) is the

Big ideas: Advocates theory of competitive advantage at national and international level - that companies and countries alike should focus on their best points and develop them. Heavy critic of

Heyday: A rising star since the early nineties

# Diary



War: the untold story, the first interviews with Soviet veterans in Afghanistan and so on. So keen was Gyngell to get rid of

on child prostitution with him. The whole affair will be the talk of week, when, doubtless, some will be a hard look at YTT. Meanwhile, Gyngell is taking on an awful lot of extra roles. He was even seen recently leafing through a copy of the actors audition book Spoilight, looking for a

bureaucrats, managers of the Kent to make it a disciplinary offence for age of the whistle-blower is clearly not entirely past, for the internal memo outlining the scheme was leaked to the local paper Kent Today.

Outrage all round? Not from the local scion of parliamentary democracy.
The Tory MP Jacques Arnold told the paper he did not think the guidelines were unreasonable. Heavens - if you can't complain about a public service to your MP, who can you complain to?

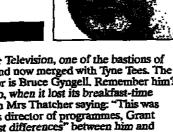


Disturbing developments at Yorkshire Television, one of the bastions of high-quality investigative documentaries, and now merged with Tyne Tees. The recently appointed group managing director is Bruce Gyngell. Remember him? He was the pink-shirted boss of TV-am who, when it lost its breakfast-time franchise, received a handwritten note from Mrs Thatcher saying. "This was not supposed to have a "New Yorkshire's director of programmes." nanchise, received a nandwritten note from Mrs 1 natcher saying. "This was not supposed to happen." Now, Yorkshire's director of programmes, Grant McKee, has resigned, telling staff of "honest differences" between him and Bruce. Indeed. McKee, who is the chief reason that the Guildford Four are free today, has been at Yorkshire for 16 years and was the guardian of the internationalist vision that has won the station a garland of awards, including two from Amnesty. Gyngell, by contrast, represents out-and-out entertainment

producer/director, Peter Kosminsky, responsible for some of the station's most lauded documentaries and docu-dramas, including Shoot to Kill, The Falklands

the man that he told Kosminsky to clear his desk immediately and take a £900,000 commission for a docu-drama the Edinburgh Television Festival next asking whether the ITC shouldn't take

suitable face to front one of his new improved documentaries. Trouble is, I'm not sure that Roland Rat is in it. In common with so many other NHS Ambulance NHS Trust are planning staff to pass information, not just to the media, but even to their MP. The



and develop accordingly

Heyday: Ongoing

Up on the moors for the The final straw for McKee came, apparently, when he returned from holiday to find that, in his absence. Gyngell had sacked the station's most celebrated



Gyngeli's ratty mate

At the HQ of the Encyclopaedia Bruannica, I have been trying out their CD-rom version of the 44 million words of entries which, complete with 3,000 illustrations, goes on sale this week (£755, inc VAT). A revelation. I looked up "terrorism AND (hostages OR kidnap)" and came up with nothing about Kashmir but found some interesting stuff about Caliguia, the Spanish Inquisition and the Ku Klux Klan. "Hottest AND summer AND UK" delivered some splendidly tangential thoughts about the effect of the weather on English art and literature. A stunning product.
Then I tried "Japan AND apolog".

First it revealed that in their long history the Japanese have gone in for apologetics often, but apology rarely. But then the computer packed up. Perhaps the idea of Japanese apologies was more than it could cope with. But I suspect their machine was too slow. As I have a far better one at home I have offered to road-test the CD more fully there, with the aim of filling my articles henceforth with delectably oblique snippets of scholarship. Watch this space. Lycra wearers. Or that the swooping bikers provided a fairer target for gun-toting toffs than do the

Inglorious Twelfth. Not an antishooting quip that, merely a reflection of the paucity of targets, had there been any guns around. I saw only one, decidedly scrawny, red grouse limping along the roadside on Black Hambleton on the North Yorkshire



Vicious cycles

Moors. A plague of ticks has put paid to many of its fellows. Still, it was a fine day, with the sky

a chalky blue and the vast stretches of heather just tinged with purple. It was good to get so close to large numbers of young pheasants - as yet shorttailed but in vivid virgin plumage still tame from their recent release from the rearing pens. They sauntered cockily by the roadside verges and about the moorland paths as if they knew it will be some months yet before the guns bear down on them. No sauntering, however, by the dreaded mountain-bikers, who have begun to infest the hilltops with their

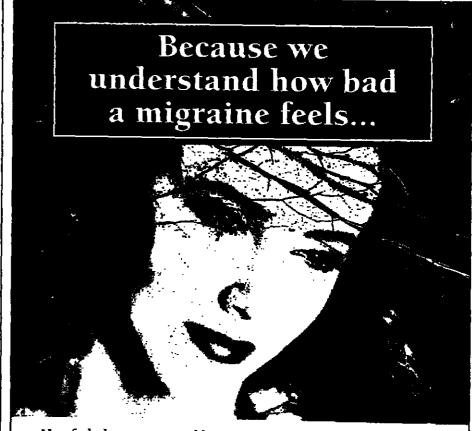
thundering broad wheels and gaudy Lycra vests. Out walking, we were stopped by a survey team from the National Park to quiz us about our views on this pestilence. Unfortunately, they picked on my aunt - a doughty 78-year-old who can outwalk us all - who replied with the moderation of her years. Had they asked me, they would have carried off suggestions about genetically restructuring the grouse-tick to attack

lumbering grouse. Signal failure: The Docklands Light Railway, on which we backs scuttle into Canary Wharf, got stuck, yet again, in the sweltering heat the other day. The conductor apologised, explaining that the problem was "frozen points". Surely he meant the wrong kind of sunshine"

The 150th anniversary of Britain's first municipal graveyard may have escaped your notice. There were black horses with black plumes to mark the occasion last weekend at Beckett Street Cemetery, opposite Jimmy's hospital in Leeds. Guides were on hand to reveal that the 8ft wall was erected, by order of the Bishop of Ripon, to deter body-snatchers, and to reveal that its first chaplain was the tectotal dissenter and founder of the Band of Hope, the Rev Jabez Tunnicliffe.

But the real delight was to discover how grieving relatives secured revenge in the old days: viz the tombstone of Fred, aged 12, who was "killed instantly by an airliner owned by Sir Richard Cobham and piloted by Fit Lt Johnson". A bottle of Bollinger for the reader who comes up with the most droll 1995 inscription for tombstone revenge.

Last week's bottle was won by Ms Paddy Kitchen of Barnwell, who suggested that the £10m that has been iven to my National Lottery Equilibrium Fund should be distributed equally between the 350 inhabitants of her village (£28,570 each), to relieve Ron and Pat, who run the sub-post office, of the need to taint their till with ticket money.



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### No golden age of A-levels

Once again Britain's 18-year-olds the A-levels of the Fifties were equip-have produced a record result. the A-levels of the Fifties were equip-Once again a higher proportion than ever before have passed their A-levels and achieved top grades. And once again the cry has gone up that standards

must be falling.
This is both difficult and dangerous territory. Of course standards matter.
Anyone who has ever watched A-level examiners at work would know just how seriously, year on year, they take them. But the evidence that standards are falling is thin. And the idea that we can suddenly go back and compare A-level standards with those of some ancient golden age in the Fifties or Sixties is a myth. Not least there is the motivation of those who believe that the only explanation for more and better passes is that exams are getting easier.

Of course more 18-year-olds are passing A-levels. Back in the Fifties, Alevels were the exam of the élite. Just 3 per cent took them. Today 40 per cent do. They are a mass exam offering entry to a welcome and increasingly mass sys-tem of higher education. Even so, 17 per cent fail and another 13 per cent drop out of the A-level course.

And the world has changed in other ways. Even if the scripts existed, it would be impossible to go back and compare today's A-levels with those of the Sixties. In those days, Venn diagrams were part of additional maths at O-level. These days, six- and seven-yearolds learn them in primary school. In the early Sixties, the way in which DNA works was just creeping on to the A-level syllabus. Now it is one of the early parts of the A-level course. In the Fifties, it is true that no one

ping an élite for highly academic courses in a tiny university sector in a country where most jobs were still blue-collar. Today we hope to be equipping a nation to compete in a white-collar world of business, services and industry where computers control the lathes and where the skills of how to look up knowledge and apply it are at least as important as the skills of memory and

recall. Of course examinations have

changed.
The argument that more children cannot possibly be doing better reflects exactly the same élitist view of human nature which believed in the Fifties that there was only a certain fixed "pool" of intelligence. It was that view which maintained that only 20 per cent of children could be bright enough to go to grammar school because there were in fact only 20 per cent of places available in grammar schools. And it is the same view which led Kingsley Amis to pronounce of university expansion that "more will mean worse" – shortly before

the Robbins report demonstrated that the so-called "pool" of intelligence was in fact a great lake.

A-levels should not be a competition that a set number have to fail but a set of standards — which will inevitably evolve upwards in terms of knowledge and content over time - that we want

people to achieve. Which is not an argument for complacency. Rigour is required, year on year, to ensure standards do not fall as the content and subject matter of A-levels evolve. But schools and their examinations should be windows to the future, not fogged mirrors reflecting a took A-levels in business studies. But golden age that never was.



When Kenneth Clarke made his controversial decision in May to resist Eddie George's call for an increase in interest rates, many thought he had put political considerations before the long-term health of the economy. Yesterday's inflation figures, and signs of a faltering recovery suggest that - whatever his motives - the Chancellor made the right decision.

The headline rate of inflation which had been expected to rise sharply remained unchanged in July at 3.5 per cent. Heavy discounting in the shops indicates that retailers are taking much of the inflationary pressure from manufacturers on the chin rather than trying to pass it on to consumers by jack-

ing up prices. Another favourable sign is the extremely muted picture of wage inflation that emerged earlier this week. The annual rate of earnings is rising at only 3.5 per cent, a far cry from the familiar story in which earnings outpace retail price inflation.

Any Chancellor has to balance inflation targets with the health of the economy. In May the economy appeared to be bounding along, and there was con-cern about a build-up of inflationary pressures. At that time calls for higher interest rates appeared justified - but things have changed.

Growth in the economy has visibly

slowed over the summer. Unemployment rose by 1,700 in July - the first increase in two years - suggesting that the economy is too weak to take a rise in interest rates. The housing market is flat. Even the upturn in retail sales has turned out to be largely an effect of retailers' desperation to shift stock at any price.

While the Bank warned earlier this month that interest rates should rise, Mr George has already notably toned down the urgency of his call for higher rates. What seems indisputable is that the balance of risks has changed. An increase in interest rates now could tip the economy over a cliff. That risk is much greater now than the danger of an inflationary relapse. So Mr Clarke has good economic grounds to persist in his stance on interest rates.

It is vital, however, that he refuses to yield to the demands of Conservative backbenchers worried about their seats for big tax cuts in his November budget. With the latest figures suggesting that the PSBR will overshoot the target for the financial year 1995-6 by as much as £5bn, there is no leeway for politically motivated tax cuts. Any room for economic manoeuvre should be used to cut interest rates rather than taxes, which would benefit the housing market and boost investment which has continued to disappoint.

#### ANOTHER VIEW Sir Rhodes Boyson

#### Can A-levels really be better?

We were told again this week that A-level standards have risen. Has the educational establishment pulled off its annual conjuring trick? Far more children of lower abilities are taking these exams, but we are expected to believe that they are more likely to succeed than when only an elite group of the most academic students took A-levels. What L employers and the Chief Inspector of Schools want to know is can these claims be believed? Or are the

rising standards simply an illusion? in the old days, when we had the high-er school certificate, the Northern Matriculation Board kept its old examination scripts. Every five, 10 or 20 years they were sent out to the markers, so that there could be a general comparison. That way there was no doubt that standards of marking were constant. But now we are told that there are no old scripts available for comparisons. The evidence has been destroyed that could have told us what we need to know - whether an A-level cer-

tificate is still a meaningful qualification. I would also question the new modular examinations that seem to be growing in popularity. These involve taking a six-week course in the middle of your A-levels, then taking an exam at the end of this. If you pass, then it counts towards your A-level - and if you fail, you just take the module again. How does this live up to the old ideal. by which you studied for two years, mastered and remembered a body of knowledge and recalled it in the all-important exams? Modules are a useless way of testing a pupil's ability to retain and under-stand facts, and this is reflected in the sort of subjects for which they are used - media studies, photography, psychology, sports studies and the like. By all means teach these subjects and issue qualifications

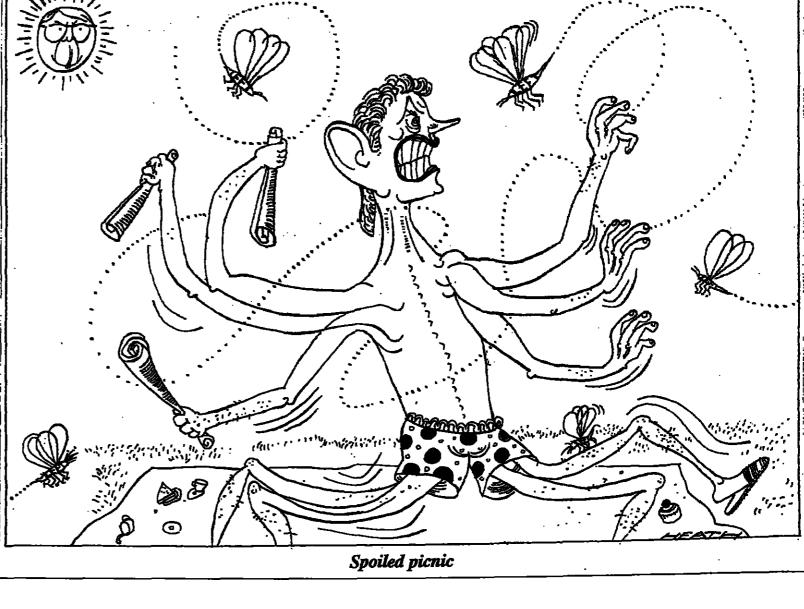
- but don't call them A-levels. It is important to challenge the orthodoxy of the education world and this is a prime example. Much evidence from em-ployers suggests that schools still produce many poorly educated employees with certificates they cannot trust. It is unfair to the children themselves, who are having to work harder to get into a real university, now that our higher education system has been messed up to create hundreds of institutions with widely different standards.

I would suggest a thorough assessment of our A-level standards, and a proper comparison with the equivalent exams done by 18-year-olds elsewhere in the world. Let's see what German teenagers have to master in foreign languages or maths - will our A-levels stand the comparison?

I don't mean to detract from the achievements of pupils who have done well this year, but it is in their own interests that we ascertain whether the grades they are proud of are truly the achievements they should be.

The Conservative government has made the national curriculum workable. It must bring the same reality to higher education.

The writer is Conservative MP for Brent



#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### Using lottery money to subsidise ticket prices | Japanese veterans' bad dreams

From Mr David Sawers

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Sir: It is naive to imagine that increasing the revenue support to the performing arts would lead to any substantial and sustained reduction in prices - as the Arts Council appears to hope that it would ("Lottery funds 'to cut prices at theatre", 14 August). Experience shows that any extra support that a subsidised

company receives is more likely to be spent on increasing the number and quality of productions than used to reduce prices: the management's first priority is to improve its product, not to make it cheaper. Subsidies have a built-in tendency to rise, as the Arts Council should know.

In Germany, where the arts have been subsidised for longer, the average subsidy for the public theatres rose from 27 per cent of income in 1911 to 84 per cent of income in the 1980s. The latter level is the sort of subsidy that British managers envy. 🖟

Price does not in any case seem to be a major factor in determining the audience for subsided performances: a recent survey for the Arts Council found that only 4 per cent of respondents volunteered that price kept them away from such events, and reductions in prices would have a relatively small effect on demand. A 10 per cent reduction in prices might increase the audience by 5 per cent. Most people who attend

they may well consider price less important than quality.

The main result of increasing revenue support for the arts would be to provide more benefits for the existing audience and managers. If the Government wants to make itself more popular, it should accept that the majority wants less spent on the arts. The British Social Attitudes survey in 1994 found that only 10 per cent of respondents wanted more spent on the arts, though 44 per cent wanted this expenditure reduced. The Government would therefore reflect public opinion if it withdrew all lottery funds from the Arts Council, and redirected them to charities. Yours faithfully,

DAVID SAWERS Angmering-on-Sea, West Sussex 14 August

From Ms Iodi Myers Sir. David Lister's article (14 August) on the possibility of Lottery funds being used to cut ticket prices raises some important issues for those who attend, or would like to attend, performances.

The notion of public subsidy being used to keep ticket prices within the reach of a broad section of the population is not a new one; most people working in the arts believe that is its main function. Certainly, without grant-aid, ticket prices for a lot of events would be very much higher. It should be pointed out, subsidised performances are well however, that for the majority of educated and not exactly poor, organisations in receipt of public

funding, ticket prices are nothing like those of the Royal Opera House or the RSC, with an average of around £10 being com-

mon, and many being much less. While greater financial support is urgently needed to ensure that ticket prices do not rise inexorably and theatres remain open, offering exciting programmes at a price well within reach of most, it would not be helpful for a specific ceiling to be set by any grant-giving body. Taking into account local conditions, we charge as much as we can to those people who can afford to pay higher prices, in order that we can make available cheap tickets to those who can't.

Certainly ticket prices, and the additional costs involved in going to a play, concert or a ballet (such as transport and babysitting) are an important consideration, but experience indicates that it is only one of many.

Much more important are the quality of an event and the opportunity for entertainment (in the widest sense of the word) it offers. All the research on this subject indicates that price is only one of many factors we need to take on board if the audience for the arts is to be significantly widened. Yours faithfully, JODI MYERS Director Warwick Arts Centre University of Warwick

14 August

From Mr John Ridpath
Sir: Of the tens of thousands of Japanese war veterans, now in their sixties and seventies, I wonder how many sleep peacefully? Many must have witnessed or participated in massacres of Chinese, torture of prisoners and the endless toll of cold brutalities against the weak. Their society is still demanding almost total denial. Their dreams will hold the

truth of their experiences. Our own ex-servicemen and women deserve all the support we can give them, especially over flashback memories and night terrors. The right kind of psychological interventions can promote coming to terms with their experiences, and then letting them go. Yours faithfully,

JOHN RIDPATH Credition, Devon 16 August The writer was an Indian Army

officer in Burma, 1946-47. From Mr Chris Devine Sir: P. Marchese (Letters, 16 August) infers that those British service personnel who suffered in the Second World War have no right to complain, as we too behaved in a questionable man-

ner towards the enemy. May I, on behalf of Far East veterans, "whinge" to Mr Marchese on the subject of being force marched for days on end through severe jungle under a blazing sun, by brutal Japanese soldiers, while dressed in rags, starving,

suffering from dehydration, malaria, dysentery, rotting open wounds, made to work building a railway in appalling conditions. being beaten senseless with a rifle butt and losing an eye or limb in the process. All this while watching your friends die in agony all around you.

Spread this over three years and then enquire: "Had this happened to Mr Marchese, would he like to whinge about it?"
Yours faithfully, CHRIS DEVINE

From Ms Karin Scarsbrook Sir: It is just as well that the new Japanese owners of the former County Hall (London) agreed to the staging of the 50th anniver-sary commemorations of VJ Day for the people involved in the Far Eastern campaigns. But I wonder if anyone knew of a final irony.

Ralph Knott, architect of the winning design for the building in 1908, had a stepson, Clifford Longden. An officer in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, following service in the 17th/21st Lancers. Clifford surrendered in Singapore and was a Japanese PoW for three and a half years. As our "Gramps", he told little of the horrors, preferring anecdote for his young audience. He would have appreciated this coincidence, and the incident's judicious outcome, I am sure. Yours succerely, KARIN SCARSBROOK Redhill, Surrey

#### Conference hastened invasion of Krajina

From Professor Adrian Hastings Sir: Some 200,000 additional refugees - Serbs from Krajina, Croats and Muslims from Northern Bosnia - have been added in the past fortnight to the million or more ex-Yugoslavia refugees already sheltering somewhere. We wring our hands and blame Balkan barbarians but no one seems to ask why this happened when it did and whether the international community is not directly to blame for this latest devastating development com-ing, as it does, immediately after a much-trumpeted conference that Malcolm Rifkind, its chairman, declared a "great success".

The London conference was held in response to the fall and ethnic cleansing of Srebrenica, a town to whose "safety" the UN was committed and to the imminent fall of Zepa to whose fate the Conference quite brazenly

closed its eyes. General Mladic had already threatened to wipe out all the "safe areas" and Bihac was clearly the most vulnerable.

Made in Norway,

credited to the US

From Mr Oystein Franck-Nielsen

Sir: I read today (News Analysis,

16 August) about six inventions

that changed the world. One

them is the aerosol box, which has

indeed changed the world, but

maybe in a way that we might

But the aerosol was not

invented in New York in 1939, as

your article states. Actually, the

aerosol was patented in Norway,

as early as 1929, by the chemist

Erik Rotheim. It came into its

Oslo, Norway

have been better off without.

Tudjman had already declared that Croatia could not allow the fall of Bihac. Nevertheless, the London conference chose to confine its threats to Gorazde, apparently leaving Bihac to its fate as Zepa had been left.

If, instead, the conference had

emphatically declared that Nato would no longer tolerate any troops crossing the internationally recognised border from Krajina into Bihac, and that the thousands of UN soldiers already in Krajina, but doing nothing, would enforce one safe route for convoys into Bihac across the narrow strip of 12 miles of Krajina to its west, then there would most probably have been no Croatian offensive against Krajina at this time. Instead, the very day after the London Conference, Croatia and Bosnia signed a treaty of co-operation including a Croatian contribution to Bosnia's defence "especially in

the Bihac area". It was the murder of Srebrenica, the assault on Bihac and the failure of the London conalready overrun in large part by ference to respond effectively troops from Krajina. President to either that made Tudjman's

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Mr Rotheim's invention was

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The aerosol was in small-scale

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However, since this smart lit-

tle box has proved so destructible,

maybe we should leave the "hon-

our" to the Americans?

OYSTEIN FRANCK-NIELSEN

Yours faithfully,

a few years later.

Sweden.

offensive inevitable and, indeed, right. Mr Rifkind's "great success" seems to lie in having produced 200,000 additional refugees and a huge boost to ethnic cleansing everywhere. Yours faithfully, ADRIAN HASTINGS Department of Theology and Religious Studies University of Leeds

16 August From Mr Tim Winter Sir: The deaths of two British aid workers in Bosnia (report, 16 August) raises urgent duestions about the UN Protection Force mandate for Sarajevo. The men were driving at night without lights for fear of attracting the attention of Serb gunmen who routinely attack aid vehicles along

the Mount Igman route.
The British and French troops deployed on Igman last month are authorised to defend UN convoys, but are under orders to refrain from protecting other aid vehicles. As a result, charities such as ours run a lethal gauntlet of Serbian gunfire casually levelled at us without fear

Sir. Purther to K. H. Brend's let-

ter (12 August), there is another

explanation regarding George It's rising to his feet during Han-del's Messiah. This occurred at the

start of the Hallelujah Chorus,

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awakening

From Mr Des Wood

The UN mandate on Igman has now resulted in two British deaths. More will certainly follow unless that mandate is changed to permit our troops to defend our aid workers. The UN claims to be in Bosnia to defend the relief effort of which the voluntary organisations are a key part - it must now be asked to put that commitment into practice. Yours sincerely, TIM WINTER

Chairman Bosnia Aid Committee of Oxford Oxford 16 August

From Ms Nikkie du Preez Sir. Robert Wokler (Letters, 16 August) writes of the harm done to Britain's moral standing throughout the world by its appeasement of terror". Britain is surely redeemed by the actions of its volunteer aid workers - who risk their lives in Bosnia every day. They at least refuse to stand by and watch. Yours sincerely, NIKKIE DU PREEZ Director Bosnia Now

Edinburgh

16 August

school of thought that holds His Majesty had fallen asleep and, upon being awakened by magnif-icent "Hallelujahs", believed the oratorio had finished and rose to

King of England - and the tradition continues to this day. Yours sincerely, which is a trifle forte. There is a Aldershot, Hampshire

his feet to applaud the greatness

of Handel's work. The audience

followed suit - after all, he was the

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#### Powered by **British Gas**

From Mr F. J. Kean Sir: I saw a diesel London black cab last week advertising itself as powered by Natural Gas. It occurred to me that if a hardnosed London cab driver can be persuaded to convert his taxi, British Gas could do worse than to consider combining parts of its transport and advertising budgets and invest in a similar conversion programme for its vehicle fleet. An initiative such as this might just allow it to claim some environmental bonus points and gain some good publicity into the bargain.

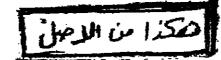
And if that works, how about steam- and electrically-powered transport fleets for the water and electricity authorities? Yours sincerely, F. J. KEAN ondon, NW3 15 August

#### Man without a mission

From Mr Roland A. Hill Sir. To take the letter from The Rev B. A. Hopkinson (14 August) one step further, when I told fellow guests at my son's wedding (in South Carolina) that I had worked in Central Africa for 27 years, the presumption by all the guests present was that I had been a missionary. What else could I possibly have been

doing? I had been at one time a District Commissioner in the Colonial Service. Yours faithfully,

ROLAND HILL Pershore, Worcestershire 14 August



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# Poverty, but not as you know it, Roy

If only Roy Hattersley were right about what policies Labour should be pursuing, life would be so much easier for Tony Blair. The sad fact is, however, that the approach Roy advocates offers the Labour leader a hiding to nothing.

Last weekend on these pages, Hattersley advocated a return to prioritising the needs of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed. This, he said, should be done by an attack on poverty - specifically through improvements to the basic pension, and a massive building programme. Should the anti-poverty strategy he advances be adopted, most of the poor will be left untouched. Adopting the strategy, we are told, will enthuse the rank and file. But how will the voters, including

most of the poor themselves, react? On these big issues the punters have always been streets ahead of where the politicians think they are. The topdown, state-dominated strategy is likely to reignite all those old fears about Labour throwing money at every problem.

That is not to say that money does not have to be spent, or that an effective anti-poverty strategy should not be a key part of Labour's coming manifesto. It must be. There is little point in winning unless we are in business to move opportunities sharply in favour of the dispossessed. It is just that Roy's solution no longer fits the bill. Not only have people's aspirations changed spectacularly, but an equally decisive change has taken place in the causes of low income. An effective

anti-poverty programme must match



Labour's former deputy leader has said the party must shift its emphasis. Here, Frank Field takes issue with his notion of an anti-poverty strategy

these changes. So, too, must a political programme shadow the decisive change to the privatisation of life that goes so far beyond Mrs T's privatisameasures as to make it absurd to mention them in the same breath.

The approach of the Thirties, or even the Sixties, is no longer relevant. The world to which these programmes were addressed has largely disintegrated. Roy is right that unemployment must be tackled. But it is not like the old days. Britain is a small cog in a fastgrowing global economy. Many of those well-paying unskilled and semiskilled jobs have gone for ever. Effective policy has to start from this point. So many recent demands for an

attack on poverty are in the "more of the same" mould. The poor are to be done good to, and there is little or no ssion on the part they should play in an effective strategy. Labour's new approach to welfare reform must take account of how benefit systems react on people's characters. The fastestng bundle of welfare benefits are offered on the basis of a means test. Yet means tests penalise effort, confiscate savings and tax honesty. By concentrating help in this form, the Tories

at best to "work the system" and at worst to commit fraud.

It is crucial to link together two long-term strategies if Labour is to break dramatically with the discredited past. First, means tests must be phased out - perhaps a 20-year task - in favour of a new system of insurance. Such an insurance-based welfare system inculcates those moral values which society wants to protect and advance. Equally important, it may now be that an surance-based system is the only kind the electorate will support.

And second, income support needs to be turned on its head, forming a life raft that takes people off benefit into

These sorts of proposals are not about cutting welfare bills. Given the changes that are rewriting our lives -the loss of jobs-for-life, and living for up to 30 years beyond the three score years and 10 - calls for more, not less, to be spent on welfare by those in work. A new unemployment insur-ance, for instance, must reflect the fact that many of us will move quickly

have created the very culture of dependency they publicly despise. Means-tested welfare teaches people pensioners will soon be living beyond their 80th birthday. When pensions were first introduced at the age of 70, the average length of life was 48 years. But handing over successive parts of the welfare state to a new insurance corporation or society run by contributors would have a major impact on the government's budget and thereby on tax levels.

I do not believe voters are going to be prepared to pay more of their income to finance their welfare unless they have a decisive say over the schemes. The National Insurance Corporation must be run by the punters. A universal private pension provision, which would run alongside the state retirement pension, must result in individuals owning their own pension capital. Moreover, this scheme of compulsory savings for the second pension - for that is what Labour will need to advocate - must also allow people to borrow against their savings capital, within carefully defined limits.

As to a radical overhaul of income support, instead of anyone being able to claim entitlement for almost unlim-

ited duration, all able-bodied longterm claimants should be required to draw up career plans, Income support would then act as an educational maintenance allowance, helping claimants achieve their ambitions. Most of the poor in my constituency have never been asked what they want to achieve during the rest of their lives.

This reform will begin to have a decisive effect on the most important cause of children being raised on low income. Unemployment used to be the culprit. Now those children who are on income support because they are part of a one-parent family are double the number in families whose breadwinner is unemployed.

In addition, there will need to be a medley of other programmes targeted towards particular groups. One of the most important will be for the longterm unemployed male worker. No amount of massive housing pro-grammes advocated by Roy Hattersley will offer these workers hope, let alone a job. Building programmes should only be sanctioned if accompanied by pukka training schemes and the possibility of work on the project thereafter. This is where John Prescott's careful studies in the regional economy will pay dividends.

So Roy is right in insisting that Labour must have a clear strategy to tackle poverty. But it must be one looking forward to the new millennium, and not backwards into a world which, for all too many, has already disappeared.

The writer is Labour MP for Birkenhead.

### The root of Earth's problem

Today we welcome back Mr like that often. A farmer might Weatherman to answer all your questions about the current heatwave. All yours, Mr Weatherman! is this the hottest summer since ....?

Mr Weatherman writes: Yes. Since when? Mr Weatherman writes: Yes. This is the hottest summer since when.

And the driest? Mr Weatherman writes: Oh, yes, it's certainly the driest. Since when.

Since records becan? Mr Weatherman writes: Oh, yes, certainly since 1870. What happened in 1870? Mr Weatherman writes: Well, in

1870, or just about then, Thomas Alva Edison patented the first records in the United States. There is a claim from the French that their inventor. Charles Cros, got there just before Edison, but his device. although ingenious, would never really have been practicable ... What on earth has all this got to do with the weather?

Mr Weatherman writes: I'm sorry. It's this blasted heat. It's got to me. Sometimes I can't even concentrate on what I'm meant to be ... I'm sorry. You were saving?

Well, it occurred to me that if we ann't having nin here, we must be having it somewhere else. I mean, the water doesn't just disappear, does it? It keeps on fulling. So where is it falling? And can we go here and get some? If we are having the driest summer since heaven knows when, somewhere else must be having the wettest summer since records began. Where is it? Mr Weatherman writes: I don't know. I was only hired to answer questions about the British weather scene. I haven't done my homework on anywhere else. Hmm. Well, getting back to our summer, one thing I've noticed is that although the fields are parched brown, the hedges in the countryside are as green as ever. Why is this? Is there more water

n hedges or something? Mr Weatherman writes: No. It's because things in fields are always cut short, but things in hedges are left to grow long. Are you saying that tall plants need less water than short ones? Mr Weatherman writes: Well, you would certainly think so to look at the landscape. All the brown stuff is short-cropped grass. All the green stuff is tall bedgerow stuff and trees. But there's a paradox involved here. If you leave a thing to grow tall, then its root system goes deep and it can reach down farther to where the damp earth is. If you cut it short, like a lawn, the roots get the message that they don't have to go deep, so they don't. Do roots really get messages? Mr Weatherman writes: Sure.

And grass roots get the strangest

messages of all. Think about it:

we cut grass once a fortnight. No

other plant gets cut anything

crop wheat twice a year. We crop grass twice a month. This makes grass paranoid. It doesn't know what is expected of it. Most lawns are, clinically speaking, manic depressive. We feed them and water them, and as soon as they show signs of growing, we cut them savagely! No wonder grass says to itself: "Stuff this for a lark!" That, I believe, is why so much grass has gone brown this summer. It's having a nervous breakdown.

Hmm. How long is this hot weather going to go on for? Mr Weatherman writes: For a long (ime. How long.

Mr Weatherman writes: A very long time. Just how lone is that.

Mr Weatherman writes: A very. very, very, very long time. Till records end? Mr Weatherman writes: Records have already ended.

Have they Mr Weatherman writes: Oh, yes.



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No, come on, answer the ques tion. Do you think this heatwave

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Mr Weatherman writes: I think

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A 50-year quest to excel has succeeded - too well. Peter Tasker surveys a disconcerting future

# The era of Japan Inc is over

TOKYO - The 50th anniversary of 1 the end of the Second World War finds the Japanese in an unusually troubled and self-questioning mood. For 1995 has truly been an annus horribilis. In all sorts of ways, the myths that have sustained Japan through the post-war decades have been coming apart at the seams.

It started on the morning of 17 Jan-uary when in a few shuddering seconds the centre of Kobe was turned into a rubble-strewn wasteland. The human cost - 5,000 dead and 40,000 homeless right in the heart of one of the world's richest cities – was traumatic enough. The shock was compounded by what was revealed about the reliability of the authorities. All the elaborate disaster drills and failsafe procedures were shown to be useless. Residents were left to dig the dead and wounded out of the debris unaided; fires blazed unheeded due to the fire brigade's inability to obtain any water.

An even more shocking event fol-

lowed - the nerve-gas attack on the Tokyo underground. The subsequent revelations about the schemes of cultleader Shoko Asahara, a figure who could have stepped out of the pages of the weirdest "manga" comic-book, knocked giant holes the myth of the safe, well-governed society. Is it possible that the police really had no idea what was happening? If not, they were incompetent. If they did, they were hugely irresponsible in allowing it to continue.

Economic policy-makers have fared no better. A series of grave misjudgments has brought the most dynamic economy of the post-war era to the closest condition to a debt deflation that the world has seen for 60 years. Zero growth, collapsing asset markets, a banking system rotten with debt - the obvious problems are unwelcome enough. The more disturbing feature has been the government's inability to master a situation which, given Japan's capital resources, should be by no means beyond solution. Again, the weakness of a system based not on rules but on the exercise of bureaucratic dis-

cretion has been made manifest. The protracted economic slump is having significant side-effects. Intense pressure to cut costs is forcing changes in Japan's post-war corporate cul-ture. When the growth machine stops, lifetime employment and seniority pay become unaffordable. When the stock market collapses, the practice of companies "cross-holding" each other's shares becomes a recipe for disaster. When large chunks of man-ufacturing industry move off-shore – a process which has only just begun the keireisu network of suppliers and sub-contractors has to be cut away at



Survivors of the Kobe earthquake and (below) children in Hiroshima after the atomic bomb Photographs: Reuter

employment system workers have allowed themselves to be exploited in terms of working conditions in return for long-term security. Similarly, small companies have allowed themselves to be dominated by large companies in return for stable business relations. Sacrifice in return for risk-sharing that is the grand bargain at the heart of Japanese-style capitalism and the impressive social cohesion it has fostered. As the pre-war record shows, there is nothing culturally determined about Japanese social stability.

The current slide down the GNP growth table is profoundly disorienting for a nation that has defined itself almost exclusively in terms of economic success. The path Japan has taken over the past 50 years was mapped out by Japan's greatest post-war prime minister, Shigeru Yoshida. According to the "Yoshida doctrine", Japan could return to the first rank of nations only by concentrating all its efforts on economic development. It would provide forward bases that would allow the US military to dominate the Pacific. In return, it would receive free protection and open markets. At home politics would be dominated by the one-party rule of the Lib-eral Democrat Party, which was set up in 1955 with the help of CIA funding.

Real power, however, would remain in the hands of the bureaucracy. Exports would be prioritised, consumption repressed and foreign competition kept out of strategic sectors until



Industry would be organised hierarchically, and company unions encour-

aged in the place of trade unions. It worked like a dream. Starting with the stimulus of Korean War demand, the Japanese economy took off on a super-charged reconstruction boom. Inflation and labour militancy both serious problems in the immediate post-war years - were ruthlessly quelled, and the left-wing opposition marginalised. Self-Defence Forces were set up, in apparent defiance of the Peace Constitution, but America's nuclear umbrella provided all the

The Tokyo Olympics in 1964 marked Japan's return to international respectability. In the same year Japan sloughed off the official classification of "developing nation" and was accepted into the OECD. Since then the factories have poured out an ever more sophisticated range of goods, incomes have soared and Japan's great companies have become leading players in the global economy.

So the psychological effect of the current slump runs deep. Over the ears, Japan has grown accustomed to its industrial strategies being criti-cised feared, admired and imitated. In the hubristic Eighties, Japanese intellectuals even talked of a "reverse Marshall Plan" through which Japan would bail out that economic basket-

Indeed, from the other side of the Pacific, the situation looked threatening. Japanese companies were dominating key hi-tech industries and snapping up trophy assets such as Columbia Pictures and the Rockefeller Center. An influential group of Washington insiders was suggesting that American policy should be geared towards the "containment" of Japan-

ese industrial power - a deliberate echo of Dulles-era Cold War rhetoric. Unlike the original "evil empire" the industrial version is still alive and kicking. But containment is no longer necessary. The trophy assets are being sold off at knock-down prices and Japanese companies are struggling to

While nobody was looking, the Japanese have done an excellent job of containing themselves.

The Americans, however, are unrelenting. Trade frictions appear to be endless and both liberal Democrats and right-wing isolationists have been questioning the value of the US-Japan Security Treaty, the bulwark of Japan's entire post-war foreign policy. Popular sentiment is reflected in the suc-

cess of Japan-bashing best-sellers such

as Michael Crichton's Rising Sun and

Tom Clancy's *Debt of Honour* The eruption of bitterness about Japan's actions half a century ago can be seen in much the same terms. Simply put, the West no longer needs Japan as an ally in the fight against Communism. Conflicts, whether about closed markets or the treatment of PoWs and "comfort women", can be brought out into the open.

From the Japanese point of view, the natural response would seem to be a shift away from reliance on the West to an Asia-oriented strategy. Indeed, since the Meiji Restoration in 1873, Japanese intellectuals have veered between pro-Western and pan-Asian yearnings. The last swing to pan-Asianism supplied the ideological impetus to the Pacific War. Another such swing could have unfavourable consequences for all concerned. For this time there is competition within Asia itself. Another superpower already exists, nuclear-armed, increas-ingly powerful in economic terms, and as unpredictable and touchily nationalistic as Japan was on its own emergence on to the world stage. In the 21st century pan-Asianism will be

a high-risk strategy. Japan's long march - which began not with Yoshida but with the Meiji Restoration itself - reached its goal in the Eighties. In wealth and technology, Japan had finally caught up with the leading countries of the West. The first attempt ended in disaster 50 years ago. The second achieved everything that Yoshida could have hoped for. Yet in some ways his vision may have been too successful for Japan's own good. The Japan Inc system became too powerful, too rigid. In retrospect the climination of politics as a creative force in society now looks like a fatal

The premises on which the system was built – American goodwill, an immature, fast-growing economy, bureaucratic wisdom - are crumbling away, but Japan's natural powers of adaptation seem to have atrophied. No doubt time will restore them, but this phase of political and psychological restructuring has many more years to run.

The writer is an analyst and author. His novel, 'Silent Thunder', is published by Orion, £4.99.

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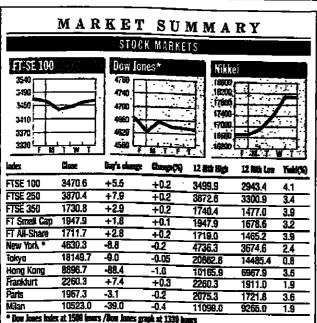
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IN BRIEF

#### **Heatwave boom for drinks firms**

The heatwave has sent sales of soft drinks and ice cream soaring with several drinks groups announcing increased production to cope with demand. Coca-Cola said sales last week were 30 per cent higher than last year. Bass has increased production of Hoopers Hooch, its new alcoholic lemonade, while Birds Eye Walls says ice cream sales are substantially higher than last year. Pub groups such as Whitbread said beer sales were doing well in the heat, though there was less evidence on sales of pub food. Shares in drinks groups Cadbury-Schweppes and AG Barr rose yesterday on the back of strong sales figures.

#### **Eurotunnel update in October**

Eurotunnel has promised to update its forecast of 1995 results in early October, when it will also report on first half earnings. "Until then, Eurotunnel's management refuses to comment on figures given by various observers," the company said. La Tri-bune Des Fosses, a French construction journal, has reported that an association of small Eurotunnel shareholders expects the company to post a net loss of around 8bn francs this year, which compares with Eurotunnel's own estimate in May last year that the loss would be 4.7bn francs.

#### Chairman retires

The chairman and chief executive of Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, J Malcolm Barr, is to retire with immediate effect. David Winterbottom, a non-executive director, has replaced him as chairman. Richard Bell, currently financial controller and compamy secretary, is appointed finance director.

#### Successful bid for brokers

King & Shaxson announced that its recommended offers for regional stockbrokers Allied Provincial had been declared unconditional. Valid acceptances had been received covering 96.4

#### per cent of the entire issued share capital. De La Rue expands in US

A US subsidiary of the De La Rue printing and packaging group is to buy McCorquodale Security Cards from LHC Corporation for an initial payment of \$22.3m. A further payment of up to £5m depends on profits for the 13 months to March 1996. McCorquodale makes payment cards for customers in North America. Operating profits were \$1.5m for the year to February 1995. De La Rue said the acquisition would further strengthen its position as a supplier of transaction systems to the North American market.

#### Machine tool exports soar

Sales of UK machine tools climbed 12.5 per cent in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter, due mainly to a 23.2 per cent jump in exports, the Central Statistical Office said. There was a 7.9 per cent increase in home turnover. Compared with the same period a year ago, total turnover increased by 8.0 per cent. Total orders on hand at the end of June showed a 4.5 per cent increase compared with March.

#### Brierley sells out

Brierley Investments has sold all its 11.5 per cent stake in Guinness Peat Group, some 47m shares, at a price of 67 NZ cents per share. The sale raised NZ\$31.8m (£13.3m).

# BSkyB plots digital TV as profits soar to £155m

MATHEW HORSMAN

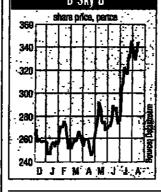
BSkyB, the satellite television company 40 per cent-owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, yesterday laid claim to being Britain's most profitable commercial television operation, as pre-tax profits rose 67 per cent to £155m.

The chief executive, Sam Chisolm, said the group was "in talks with everyone" to plot an aggressive entry into digital ter-restrial television, following the Government's publication of a consultative document earlier this month.

"More importantly, every-one is talking to us," he said. The satellite and cable broadcaster "has the programming that drives this kind of technology", Mr Chisolm said. BSkyB, through deals with Hol-lywood studios and acquisitions of rights to sporting events, has developed a portfolio of channels that are broadcast to 4.2 million UK homes, either by direct-to-home (DTH) satellite or via cable.

Fully-owned channels include Sky1, Sky Sports and Sky Movies. The company also distributes channels for third parties, including music network MTV and, starting in the autumn, the Disney Channel.

Mr Chisolm yesterday landed the Government's approach to digital terrestrial television, which will usher in at least 18 new channels available in the majority of British homes. "There are no rules or restrictions," he said. "Everyone can



pile in. And that suits a company like Sky down to the ground." He added that BSkyB intended to introduced digital satellite television, capable of transmitting as many as 200 new channels, "sooner rather than later". While BSkyB would not subsidise the cost of set-top boxes required to receive digital signals, Mr Chisolm said there

were "plenty of people who would be ready to do so, in or-

der to get into this market".

BSkyB's traditional broadcasting business grew sharply in the year to the end of June, with revenues rising by 41 per cent to £777.9m and pre-tax profits up by 67 per cent to £155.3m from £92.9m last time, in line with City forecasts. The shares gained slightly to close at 345p. Analysts said the high share price reflected expectations that the stock will be included in the FT-SE 100, attracting indexlinked funds, once Pearson completes its sale of a 9.75 per cent stake. It is assumed the public holding of BSkyB would thereafter be wide enough to meet Stock Echange rules regarding eligibility for the index.

BSkyB added 686,000 more subscribers in the past year, advertising revenues grew by 18 per cent to £92m, while income from installing dishes more than doubled to £15.8m.

Costs rose by the same percentage as revenues, Richard Brooke, group finance director, conceded. He added that aggressive purchases of programming would continue to drive costs. The aim, he said, was to attract more subscribers. Mr Chisolm said: "We will

continue to be aggressive purchasers of software," adding that "digital will be a quantum leap. It will make the growth of our system relentless, giving people more programming and therefore more reasons to buy." Some analysts warned that

the transition to digital would be costly for BSkyB, running to "several tens of millions" of nounds. "The costs will be immense, and profits will be a way



Sam Chisholm: plotting an aggressive entry into digital TV

extending programming deals with film producers and sporting organisations.

But other analysts were less worried. "Digital will come much more slowly than many people appear to think." Robert Jolliffe, media analyst at Hoare Govett, said. "The only down-

Pearson, the media and information conglomerate, has confirmed it will sell all or most of its 9.75 per cent holding in BSkyB, netting up to £550m, writes Mathew Horsman. It has appointed BZW and Goldman Sachs as global co-ordinators of the secondary offering, and will seek shareholder approval for the disposal at an EGM on 5 September. BSkyB is expected to be included soon in the FTSE-100, a move that would attract index-linked funds.

Pearson has carried the BSkyB stake at £429m on its books.

Assuming a £550m sale price, the stake would generate pre-tax side for BSkyB is if Rupert Mur- profits of £110m in the current year. Capital gains of about £180m off," said one analyst. There was doch decides to give Sam also concern about the costs of Chisolm something else to do." #141.5m of this, leaving a net gain of £79m.

### CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER BBC in talks on digital television

MATHEW HORSMAN

The BBC has joined Japanese electronics company Sony and telecoms giant BT in an industry-wide working group to develop digital terrestrial tele

A BBC source denied that the group constituted a commercial alliance.
"Membership will be open to

all those with a genuine inter-ested in devoloping common standards to encourage the emergence of digital television," he said.

The group, which will also include the ITV companies. Channel 4, transmission company NTL and Motorola, will issue a press release today or on Monday detailing the memorandum of understanding.

The BBC refused to comment officially. A spokesperson said: "The BBC has always emphasised that co-operation among programme makers, service providers, set manufacturers and retailers would be essential if digital terrestrial is

to succeed." News of the working group follows the publication last week of the Government's consultative document on digital terrestrial television, inviting comments on how "throughthe-air" digital broadcasting might be developed in the UK.

The Green Paper suggests that companies will be able to bid for "multiplex licences" allowing them to broadcast up to three streams of programming. The transmission and reception technology has yet to be fully developed but it is believed the system could operate by

BT is viewed as a natural partner for proadcasters in the development of digital terrestrial television.

Under current rules, it is barred from using its network to broadcast television signals. in a move designed to encourage the development of the embryonic cable sector. That prohibition will be reviewed at the end of the decade. Digital terrestrial television, by contrast. is open to all comers, subject to

# quits to bid for homes division

Deputy City Editor

Tarmac took a step closer to its planned withdrawal from housebuilding yesterday when John Lovering, its chief oper-ating officer and one of chief executive Neville Simms' two deputies, resigned to put together proposals to buy the £400m homes operation.

The company, Britain's second-biggest housebuilder after rival Wimpey, said all disposal options remained open and stressed that Mr Lovering would not be given favourable treatment over any other po-tential bidder. Mr Lovering leaves the board at the end of the month and is not expected to return to the company from

is current holiday. Having joined Tarmac from Sears two and a half years ago, Mr Lovering has no experience of the housebuilding industry. His responsibilites at Tarmac included business planning. human resources and the recent. restructuring of the American

operation. Before joining the company he spent seven years at Sears, where he was appointed finance director in 1988.

Tarmac is open to offers from trade buyers and has also considered a flotation of the housebuilding operations, which generated operating profits of £64m from the sale of just over 6.000 houses last year. It is un- of the late 1980s.

management buyout to be the most likely exit route.

When Tarmac announced it was quitting the home building market at the beginning of the month, the move was widely viewed as a vote of no-confidence in an already fragile market, a charge the company strongly denied.

Mr Simms claimed the with-

drawal simply reflected Tar-mac's inability to develop all its businesses to their full potential. The news prompted a call, however, from the mortgage

and construction industries for more government intervention to revive the stagnant housing market Those calls have been reinforced since then by further falls

in house prices and the an-nounced withdrawal of BICC, another large housebuilder, from the market. It is not known how far Mr

Lovering has progressed in the search for funds which would have to total more than the division's net assets of £339m and probably closer to £400m. The withdrawal of Tarmac

from housing is the latest stage in the reconstruction of the company since Mr Simms took control three years ago. He inherited a heavily indebted, loss-making group that had been brought to its knees by the expansion of its housing operations in the boom conditions

### Tarmac deputy 'Casualties likely' in insurance

**NIC CICUTTI** 

Motor insurance premiums look set to remain at their present low levels for another year and are likely to force a number of direct insurers out of the market, one of the UK's fastest-growing insurers predicted yesterday.

Independent Insurance, whose pre-tax profits rose 58 per cent to £16m for the first half of 1995, said that by the middle of next year many insurers would want to push rates back up.

But even if they were able to do so, the effect of any premium rise would probably not be felt until at least 12 months from now, Independent's chief executive, Michael Bright, argued. "Competition is intense and many of our competitors seem

rates without taking full account of the quality or source of business," Mr Bright said.

"It is our firm view that this will result in casualties within the market. Our policy remains uncompromising on standards of risk management and pro-tection. Therefore we only work with those brokers and clients who look for a consistent approach and are prepared to take responsibility for controlling the risks they face."

On the motor side, Independent has reacted against soft rates by targeting niche, non-standard risks, such as vintage cars, the Stagecoach bus fleet and even the Williams Formula 1 racing team.

drivers - accounted for about half of business. By June this year, the ratio had shifted to less than a third. The company predicted that

by the end of the year, standard private car business would account for less than 3 per cent of its overall premium income. A similar niche move has non-standard to standard shifting from 13 to 20 per cent in the 12

months to June this year. Independent also confirmed yesterday its determination to stand by its policy of dealing through independent brokers. The company has agency agreements with more than 2,000 brokers nationwide, although it In June 1994 standard risks

to have reacted by reducing on its books - conventional car admitted yesterday that the vast majority of its business came from just a few hundred. Gross written premiums in the first half of 1995 grew by

53 per cent to £200m. Despite intense competition, commercial business rose by 34 per cent to almost £70m. On the motor side, premiums

fell 12 per cent to £16m, while been taking place on the home the underwriting profit dropped insurance side, with the ratio of to £100,000. The company's takeover of UK general business from the Dutch insurer Aegon allowed Independent to develop its affinity scheme business through specialist brokers, with gross premiums at £13m.

Independent's results, which produced an interim dividend of 4.6p per share, lifted its share price 10p to 328p yesterday.

### Salomon seen as possible takeover target

DAVID HELLIER

Wall Street was yesterday forecasting that Salomon Brothers, the US investment bank that earns part of its living by broking deals for others, is under threat of a bid itself.

The speculation follows moves by prominent hedge funds that are betting on a big shake-up at the firm, perhaps even before October when its largest single investor, Warren Buffet, must decide what to do with some of his near-20 per cent stake.

Perrin Long, of the New York investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman, says: "On its own Salomon could stay in business as long as it wants. It has penty of capital. But it all depends on what Warren Buf-

fet wants. One thing's for sure, if someone does take it over it will have to be a goddam large

Mr Long estimates that Salomon is worth about \$3.5bn. This week its shares rose more than \$1 to more than \$37 in spite of a credit rating downgrade from the rating agency, Standard and Poor's.

The shares moved up due to speculation of a shake-up at the firm where pressure is building for its British chief executive. Deryck Maughan.
The downgrade was not ex-

actly unexpected - Salomon had been put on stand-by for some weeks - but it has once again raised questions about the plementation of a new remuneration scheme.

The most important date in the calendar, though, is 31 October when Mr Buffet has the option of being paid out by Salomon for 20 per cent of his pre-ferred stock or he can decide to transfer the same amount into ordinary stock at \$38 a share.

Peter Russ, of the New York investment firm Shelby Cul-lom Davis and Co. says: "When he decides what he is going to do, Mr Buffet will be sending investors and analysts a signal of what he thinks about the future of Salomon Brothers."

The bank lost \$831m last year and it announced a \$65m loss in the second quarter of this future of the bank at a time its year. There is talk that Mr Bufemployees' nerves are already fet, who brought in Britishfrayed due to the proposed imborn Mr Maughan as chief neration structure.

executive in 1992, might move to split the chief executive's job into two positions and name an outsider to fill the post.

But a couple of prominent US hedge funds have been bet-ting on the nuclear fall-out the-ory, that Mr Buffet might seek a merger partner to put an end to all the turmoil instead.

Mr Maughan could not have dreamed for a better start at Salomon. In the year after his appointment the bank announced record profits of \$1.56bn but the bubble burst the following yearmainly because the bank, like most others, was caught out by a rise in US interest rates.

The current downturn in the bank's notoriously volatile business has also prompted a rethinking of Salomon's remu-

### Dealing competition will push up prices, says Stock Exchange

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

The advent of competing share ing costs and regulatory uncer-tainty, the London Stock Exchange warned yesterday. ten on the basis that there is a 7 September. Dealing firms will face a higher administrative burden as a result of the fragmentation of price formation in the markets revisions. Tradepoint launches with competing pools of liquidity, the Exchange said.

changes to the Stock Exchange's rules made necessary dealing exchanges in London is by the impending breaking of its based in Cambridge, plans to likely to cause increased trad-monopoly as rival electronic launch its own screen-based exchanges enter the market.

"The current rules are writsingle central market for trading UK equities," the document

The warnings came in a consultative document issued on 21 September. Another computer-based market, Electronic Share Information (ESI), order-driven system in small capitalisation UK stocks on

Presenting the consultation paper, the Stock Exchange mounted a vigorous defence of what it sees to be the advantages the first electronic order-driven inherent in the current central cause," said Jack Lang, direcdealing exchange, trading in market system, pointing up pit-

Stressing the significant cost and regualtory implications of the revisions, it notes the trend in countries with a fragmented Stock Exchange's counterexchange system, such as Gerattack on the forces demanding the restrictions on firms ininto a single market. "For the Stock Exchange to

dig its head in the sand and say that it will be expensive for anyone but themselves to list their stocks is a foolish, hopeless

Specific proposals for key rule changes drew a positive response from Tradepoint, which saw a softening of the greater competition.

"In its proposed changes to nised exchange systems. rule 2.1, the Exchange has accepted it no longer has a motrading. This is a major advance, said Stephen Wilson, executive director of Tradepoint.

tions on rule 4.18, which up to now has prevented firms showing better dealing prices on ri-val exchanges, as "surprisingly positive". The changes would lift putting prices into other recog-

The proposed changes cover rules relating to exchange memnopoly over regulating share bership, off-market activity, price display and best execution, trade reporting, settlement, and con-He described the proposed opin the market-making system. ditions for inter-dealer brokers

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per cent of members know about the plan, launched in May. A key part of this plan is the setting up of Equitas, a new reinsurance company into of 100 investors.

which all of Lloyd's policies written before 1993 will be placed The main reasons for the favourable response to the survey are that it amounts to an improvement on previous proposals, it will cap liabilities, it will bring the whole traumatic

affair to a conclusion, and it will help Lloyd's to continue. Some 65 per cent of respon-dents said they are likely to support the plan. Respondents said the proposals will be most advantageous to continuing in-

vestors, market professionals and those investors' action groups that have challenged Lloyd's in the courts over the massive losses sustained in recent years.

Since 1993 the proportion of members actively underwriting has fallen from 81 to 50 per cent and the survey showed that only around 45 per cent are likely to continue underwriting in

The survey was carried out in late July, and covered a sample

Returns for water investors will start to dry up Public relations has never been a strong point for any of the privatised utilities. ment and implementation by the water com-panies of a series of share buy-backs costing While in theory water companies are The oldest of them, British Telecom, is only just beginning to get it right. After an encouraging start, British Gas has of late

repeatedly shot itself in the foot. The regional electricity companies were always hopeless at it. But it is the water companies that have become this summer's hate institutions. Hit by what they insist are exceptional drought conditions, they do little to help their position with an adequate display of concern and action.

The fault is not entirely their own. The seeds of this and most recent water debacles were sown at the time of privatisation six years ago. Water companies were hedged around with a bewildering array of financial rules, regulations and general paraphenalia, in part designed to make them saleable to the City. Divorcing the state from the vast costs of

meeting tough new environmental and water standards was part of the Treasury's purpose. Privatising what was in essence a tax destined only to rise was never going to be easy. A charging system based on usage would have helped the position. However, metering is still a long way off for the vast majority of households. In the meantime most of us continue to pay a flat rate regardless of the water company's ability to deliver a standard service. In no other private sector business would this be tolerated

or even remotely possible. In the midst of it all comes the announce-

hundreds of millions of pounds. The financially literate might reasonably think of this as a wholly unconnected balance sheet restructuring which will ultimately reduce the cost of capital to water companies - the official explanation, this - but to those trying to come to terms with the industry's insistence that if it is to do anything the customer will have to pick up the tab, it looks like a quite

breathtaking display of waste and arrogance. So far the City has taken a remarkably sanguine view. Share prices have scarcely been effected. This is a public relations probiem that will be solved with the first rainfall, is the general view. There are all kinds of reasons for believing this may be misplaced. Certainly it is a problem not likely to go away without considerably higher expenditure than currently envisaged. The weather may be exceptional but hosepipe bans are not. They seem to happen in one part of the

country or another almost every year now.

Water companies are required by the regulator to spend sufficient to ensure that hosepipe bans do not occur more than once every eight years, that drought orders do not have to be implemented more than once every 40 years, and that standpipes need to be installed only once in 100 years.

These criteria are based on past weather patterns. It may be that these patterns are

allowed to earn an adequate rate of return on any new investment, in practice public and political pressure is such that they may have to dig deep into their own pockets. To some extent this is already anticipated. Yorkshire Water has said it will share efficiency gains with the customer by undertaking a "discretionary" investment programme worth £125m over over five years. This is over and above what the regulator already requires the

of largesse might alleviate the problem must fast be receding, however. Though Ian Byatt, the regulator, insists that the charging regime will not be reviewed again for another five years, the customer's demand is for more and more for less and less. The losers can only be shareholders. In the long term, investors must reconcile themselves to considerably smaller returns

company to spend. Any hope that this sort

#### Clarke was right about rates after all

from these businesses.

Cometimes you can be right for the wrong Oreasons. Kenneth Clarke's decision in early May to keep interest rates on hold was almost certainly a response to the disastrous local election results the day before. But galling though it may be for Eddie George, changing. In any case present levels of spending are plainly inadequate; a change it has turned out to be the right decision.

show that the consumer is in no mood to accept higher prices. Only big discounts by retailers have led to higher sales. As long as consumers walk away from retailers' attempts to push up prices, inflation will remain under control.

This is not to say that retail price inflation may not edge up in the months ahead. Given the rises in factory gate inflation that occurred in July, it would be surprising if there were not some further increase in both the headline and the underlying rates.

But beyond this bulge in inflation, it is difficult to see where a sustained inflationary push may now come from. The Bank of England is quite properly concerned about a renewed wage price spiral. But underlying earnings are now running at the same rate as retail price inflation, an extraordinary state of affairs three years into a recovery.

On the balance of economic evidence available at the beginning of May, the Gov-ernor was justified in his demand for higher rates. On the balance of economic evidence now available, he should drop it.

#### It may be too late for Murdoch's rivals

he dramatic transformation of BSkyB from hombed-out basket case to Britain's commercially best-placed TV company continues to astonish. Rupert Murdoch | tional independent television.

The latest inflation and retail sales figures | has sounded the battle-cry and the rest of the commercial television sector had better sit up and take notice. Confirming that it is the most profitable TV broadcaster in the country, Mr Murdoch's 40 per cent-owned BSkyB yesterday unveiled record figures and vowed to expand aggressively into digital television. The ITV companies will have to move fast to keep up.

There are three things that must be done. First, work together on a common standard for digital television, and make sure it provides access to all digital programming, whether satellite or terrestrial. Second, buy or make popular programming, and entice viewers into subscribing for pay services by offering TV (or other services like home hanking and home shopping) worth paying for. Third, rely on existing libraries of programming as a mainstay of digital programming - benefit, that is, from the "money" for old rope" adage.

Some companies have managed to do one

or two of these things already. Pearson has spent heavily to develop a programming library. The ITV companies have spent millions on original production. But only Mr Murdoch has done all three: he has a settop box for his analogue services, great film and sports programming that 4.2 million British households are paying as much as £23 a month to receive, and a wealth of pro-gramming from his Hollywood Fox operations. It may already be too late for tradi-

George's guns 'comprehensively spiked by these numbers'

### Static inflation sends the pound plummeting

PAUL WALLACE Economics Editor

Pressure for a rise in interest rates eased significantly yes-terday, sending the pound down sharply against the US dollar and European currencies.

Behind the fall were suprising government figures showing that the annual rate of inflation did not move last month. The 3.5 per cent year-on-year figure shocked the markets which had been expecting a steeper rise.

Coming after fresh evidence of subdued wage inflation, the figures were seen as a further blow to the Governor of the George, in his trissle with Chancellor Kenneth Clarke over interest rates.

The pound fell 1.5 cents against the US currency to \$1.5337 and by two pfennigs against the mark to 2.2654. The trade-weighted index ended at 84.3, a fall of six-tenths of

The Treasury welcomed the figures as signs that inflationary pressures were being contained. Headline inflation has been under 4 per cent for 38 months, the longest sustained period since the war.

Headline and underlying inflation stayed at 3.5 per cent and 2.8 per cent in July, confound-Bank of England, Eddie ing market expectations of a year's summer sales. rise, and delivering the Gov-

> tail price index compared with UK producer and retail price indices its level in June 1994, a fall the City did not think could be matched this year. But the markets were wrong: the retail price index did drop back in July, by 0.5 per cent, Petal price inde leaving the annual rate of inflation unchanged. The monthly decline in the retail price index, excluding mortgage in-

> > been compiled. However, inflation is still generally expected to pick up in cent fall last July.

unemployment in two years.

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creases receded.

ernment a welcome fillip after the setback of the first rise in the autumn as particularly favourable influences such as lower than usual seasonal food prices go into reverse.

"Eddie George's guns have been comprehensively spiked by these numbers," Ian Shep-Seasonal food, which had shown only modest declines at herdson, economist at HSBC the same time of year in 1994, Markets, said. The gilts market fell 7 per cent on the month, foltook the same view with the lowing an even bigger decline September future rising half a in June. A fall in potato prices point as fears of interest rate inas new potatoes came into the stores accounted alone for a The annual rates of headline fifth of the monthly decline in the all-items index. and underlying inflation (ex-

The drought is expected to make the usual increase in seaments) had been expected to sonal food prices in August rise to 3.7 and 3 per cent reworse. The hot weather which spectively because of the effect of heavy discounting in last has helped to bring down prices could exact its own price with These had resulted in a sharp a sharp rebound in seasonal

> There is also doubt about the continuing capacity of retailers to absorb the higher prices being charged by manufacturers. Earlier in the week it was revealed that factory gate inflation had jumped unexpectedly from 4.2 to 4.5 per cent in July.

Retailers certainly took it on the chin in the summer sales. The most startling revelation terest payments, was the largest from the figures was a record 4.6 per cent monthly decline in in the 20 years the series has clothing and footwear. This was larger even than the 4.2 per

### Trade figures dampen dollar

Morland steps in to

buy Unicorn for £12.3m

it expects to announce within a at the older drinker. Unicorn

for the dollar rally foundered yesterday when the US failed to deliver the improvement in the trade deficit that the mar-\$11.1bn. kets had been expecting, writes Paul Wallace. On a day of consolidation, the because of a larger decline in exdollar stood at Y97.97 and

Package to rescue

Lloyd's wins backing

DM1.4777 at the London close, virtually unchanged from Wednesday. The dollar's principal gains were made against the pound, as sterling fell back on market

in the UK had peaked after weaker-than-expected inflation figures. For the third month running, the US trade deficit exceeded \$11bn. The market had

JOHN EISENHAMMER

Lloyd's of London has found

broad-based support for its

massive rescue package among

investors in the insurance mar-

ket, according to a survey car-

The survey showed that 63

per cent of respondents said

they viewed favourably the Lobn

restructuring package, aimed at

enabling a "new Lloyd's" to

trade profitably into the future

by drawing a line beneath the

huge losses of the past that have

The package will allow in-

ruined countless investors.

ried out for it by Mori.

Financial Editor

expectations that interest rates

Hopes of a renewed lease of life \$10.6bn, but the June trade gap turned out to be \$11.3bn. However, the May figure, which had initially been estimated at \$11.4bn, was revised down to

The increase in the deficit was ports than in imports. Exports of \$8.6bn. fell by 1.2 per cent on the month, while imports fell by 0.6 per cent.

Over the six months between January and June, compared with the same period in 1994, the overall deficit has increased by 28 per cent to \$64bn. The principal reason for the deterioration has been the bilateral deficit with Mexico. This accounts for about 70 per cent of the worsening in the overall been expecting a deficit of deficit.

activity in Mexico - it fell by more than 10 per cent in the second quarter of the year - has wrought havoc with US trade. In the first half of 1994, the US ran a surplus of \$1.1bm. This has

now turned around to a deficit

There was an increase of 6 per cent in the politically sensitive trade deficit with Japan. However, David Bloom, economist at James Capel, said that Japanese data, which is in advance of data from the US, pointed to a large improvement in the bilateral deficit in

July.
"We believe the bounce back in the US economy coupled with concerted action to prop up the dollar makes it unlikely that the

MAGNUS GRIMOND

rival Regent Inns.

Morland, the Abingdon-based

brewer famous for its Old

Speckled Hen ale, has stepped

in as a white knight for Unicorn

pub group under siege from its

Morland has stitched up an agreed £12.3m deal to buy Uni-

com and said yesterday it was

at an advanced stage in talks for

another retail acquisition, which

fortnight. Shareholders are be-

ing called on for £19.9m in a

one-for-five rights issue at 465p

Morland's chief executive,

Michael Watts, denied specula-

tion that the company was set

to buy Surrey Free Inns, a pub

group quoted on the Alternative

Investment Market, but he said

the deal would involve managed

pubs in an adjacent geographi-

cal area and suggested further

Morland's shares fell 5p to

545p, while those of Regent Inns

to finance the deals.

moves could follow.

Inns, the "Newt & Cucumber"

meeting on August 22," Mr Bloom said.

Support for this view came from a stronger-than-expected indication of business activity in the Philadelphia Fed Index for August. The overall index rose from -23.7 in July to 4.4, compared with a market forecast of

Initial jobless claims in the US were much in line with what the markets had been

expecting.

Jobless claims in the US rose by 6,000 in the week ending 12 August to reach 338,000. The four-week moving average was 341,000, which the US Labour Department described as being the lowest level of claims since

also slipped 5p to 475p as the company said it would allow its

£8.1m offer to lapse. Morland

has tied up irrevocable under-

takings for its offer from the

owners of 51.7 per cent of Uni-

Morland said improving the

quality and size of its managed

retail pubs had been a strategic

priority in recent years. Ex-

pansion of its managed estate

has been spearheaded by the

Artist's Fare food chain, aimed

will bring a new emphasis on

high volume youth drinkers in

city centres through the main

Newt & Cucumber format,

although the more genteel Wig

& Pen concept is designed to at-

Morland is offering four of its

own shares for every five in Uni-

com, with a 402p-a-share cash al-ternative. Mr Watts said the

price being paid worked out at just under film per managed pub.

dividend of at least 8.3p for this

Morland also forecast a final

tract female custom.

com's shares.

#### **Buy-back OK for Southern Water** MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent Southern Water, one of the 10

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discounts.

The hot summer weather and

weak consumer confidence

claimed another casualty in the

travel sector yesterday when

Thomson, the UK's largest tour

operator, announced a heavy

Thomson, which is part of the

Canadian Thomson Corpora-

tion and includes Horizon trav-

el. Lunn Poly travel agents and

the Britannia airline, said book-

ings of package holidays were being delayed until the last

possible moment, causing heavy

The announcement comes

two days after Airtours.

Britain's second-largest travel

water and sewage companies in England and Wales, became the latest in the sector to gain shareholder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares. The trend attracted sharp criticism from consumer groups because of public concern over water supply problems in the prolonged hot spell.

A spokeswoman for the National Consumer Council said share buybacks "seem extraordinary and insensitive" given the current situation. But Ofwat, the industry watchdog,

said the balance sheets of companies are their own concern. Southern's move came a day after Anglian Water became the first in the sector to implement buy-back powers - although several companies have

them - at a cost to the company

of £162m.

Thomson is the latest casualty as the hot summer makes waves for holiday operators

Thomson said the delay in booking last-minute deals had

forced a higher-than-expected

level of discounting which was

having an adverse affect on

margins. The problems have

pushed Thomson's travel busi-

ness into a \$1m loss in the six

The company said it expect-ed to achieve a "modest" in-crease in bookings for the

summer as a whole in a market

The UK travel industry has

been caught out this year by low-

er-than-expected demand cou-

pled with a record-breaking

summer. The incustry was fore-

which has shown no growth.

months to June.

group, issued a profits warning casting a 5 per cent increase saying profits for the year could from 10 to 10.5 million pack-

Late bookings hit Thomson

be down by as much as 25 per ages. But the growth failed to

Southern refused to say if or when it might make use of the powers to buy its own stock, but City analysts said its intention was clear. One analyst said some shareholders had been dissatisfied at the company's actions so far in realising shareholder value. Southern has not joined the trend among water preference shares. At the company's annual

meeting, Southern's chairman,

materialise, leaving about

500,000 extra holidays which

had to be sold at knock-down

prices. Capacity will be cut next

year and holiday prices will be higher as a result of increased

accommodation prices and

VAT increases. The industry is

forecasting price rises of 8-10

Thomson's airline Britannia

Airways, which is operating at

near-maximum capacity this summer. Winter bookings for

next year have started well and

are 7 per cent higher than last

year. The Lunn Poly travel

agency chain is performing sat-isfactorily despite "difficult mar-

In property letting, Country £280m.

ket conditions".

There was better news at

William Courtney, said it intended to carry out a "financial restructuring exercise to im-prove the balance sheet and proide enhanced long-term value for shareholders". The precise form of restructuring would be decided later this year. Shares in Southern Water

rose by 10p to 688p and those in Anglian Water added 3p to 549p. Northumbrian Water bucked the upward trend, falling by 2p to 908p on specu-lation that Lyonnaise des Eaux companies towards special div-

the water regulator. Ofwat, to ease demands for price cuts of up to 20 per cent.

expectations as are the two re-

cent acquisitions. Blakes and

English Country Cottages.

The decline in the travel

business knocked the gloss off

otherwise improved results in

the Canadian-owned Thomson

Corporation. In the six months

to June profits increased from

\$175 to \$216m on sales up 15

In publishing, the UK re-

gional newspapers, all in the

process of being sold, improved

profits with significant gains in display and recruitment adver-

tising revenue. In July, Trinity

Holdings, the Liverpool-based

press group, successfully of-

fered to buy the British titles

outside Scotland in a deal worth

per cent to \$3.2bn.

Earlier this year, Southern said it would not pay extra dividends and rebates out of past cost savings. Mr Courtney has said that past efficiency savings had already been factored in when the regulator set the new price cap last year.

He said that rather than give handouts, other companies "could do no better by customers than increase discretionary spending on dealing with foul flooding, low water pressure, improvements in storm outfalls and smells around sewage works".

### Banks open global forex clearing house

#### John Eisenhammer Financial Editor

The City's position as the world's pre-eminent centre for foreign exchange dealing is enhanced today with the opening of the first global clearing house for interbank foreign exchange.

Echo has been set up by a group of big commercial banks, including Barclays and Midland. to improve the settlement procedures in an international market estimated at \$1,000bn of trades a day.

"Banks have invested heavily in trading operations, people and sophisticated technology, both to win business and to trade, but they are using settle-

ment mechanisms still rooted in need for all trades to be settled the 18th century," said Graham individually. Instead, a bank will Duncan, Echo's chief executive.

The driving force behind setting up the clearing house, which will operate on the same principles as the well-established clearing houses in the derivative markets, has been to minimise the risk involved in settlements.

"Settlement losses occur more often than many people realise. The scale of the risk is buse - it is not uncommon for two banks to owe each other \$2bn overnight in settlements,"

Mr Duncan said. By stepping in between the trading counter-parties, the

only have each day to settle the net amount of its trades with its opposite number.

Under the present system, banks have to settle their currency obligations before knowing the bank on the other side of the transaction has paid it. With the introduction of the clearing house, the risk will be reduced to the net amount of

all the deals. The formation of Echo, on which an initial group of 15 banks have been working for several years, has been driven by the explosive growth in foreign exchange trading. Twenty

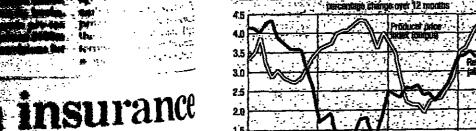
was \$750,000. Today it is \$10m. The liberalisation of exchange rates, the growth in global capital flows and the increase in hedging of risks has fuelled the market's development.

London has established itself as the pre-eminent centre for forex dealing. The last survey by the Bank

for International Settlement, in 1992, found the average daily net foreign exchange market turnover in Britain was \$300hn, compared with \$192bn in the

US and \$126bn in Japan. The newest survey, which is out at the end of this year, is be-

lieved to show that London has clearing house removes the years ago the average deal size consolidated its position.



### Fokker rescue plan within two weeks

Industrial Correspondent

Fokker, the Dutch aircraft manufacturer, will present a survival plan to the government and to company, to survive. its parent, Daimler Benz Aerospace, within the next two

The announcement came after the troubled company's small decline to 8 guilders. shares were temporarily suspended yesterday on the Amsterdam stock exchange until Fokker gave assurances that it could fulfil its financial obligations because of guarantees on a solution. from Dasa.

The exchange demanded an explanation on the company's balance sheet position and future credit facilities following the record first-half losses of 651m guilders (£257m) reported by Fokker on Tuesday.

The loss slashed shareholders' equity to 50.1m guilders from 711.9m guilders at the end

At the same time the com-any warned that it faced an-pared with 50 in the whole of pany warned that it faced ansecond half of this year. Some products. The problem is out-

industry analysts said that side factors, including the weak Fokker may need as much as dollar and falling market 1.5bn guilders from the Dutch government and from Dasa, which owns 51 per cent of the

After the bourse declared itself satisfied with Fokker's response, shares returned from the brief suspension with a

Dasa said it would support Fokker in its efforts to resolve its problems. A spokesman said the group was working with the government and the workforce "Naturally we stand by

Fokker," he added. But he declined to elaborate on what measures might be taken to try to turn the Dutch subsidiary around. A spokesman for Fokker said

the company was in clear need of fresh capital to tide it over the present difficulties but he also said business was picking up.
"We have sold or leased 42

1994. The problem is not our

prices," he said.

Recent years have seen a process of consolidation involving most of Europe's regional aircraft manufacturers, reducing costs and allowing far more competitive pricing.

The company said that about one third of the loss in the first half of the year was due to currency fluctuations. The company is vulnerable to a weak dollar because most of its costs are in guilders, while its sales revenues are in dollars. The loss of 651m guilders, was the biggest in Fokker's 75-year history and outstripped the most pessimistic forecasts.

Ben van Schaik, Fokker's chairman, yesterday said: "The immediate survival plan, which is in the hands of Fokker, will be on the minister's desk within two weeks and will then be discussed with the minister and Dasa." He added that the German parent would play a crucial role in the medium- and longterm strategy that would be

### Hoechst profits double as product prices soar

Deputy City Editor

Soaring product prices and buoyant volumes helped the German chemicals giant Hoechst almost to double profits in the six months to June. First-half profits exceeded those recorded at the peak of the last cycle in 1989.

The result, driven by strong performances in the chemicals July. After changing its name to and plastics businesses, outstripped analysts' expectations. They had forecast a 76 per cent rise in profits against a reported 96 per cent increase to DM2.1bn (£917m), up from DM1.1bn.

The profits were struck from sales of DM26.3bn, a 6 per cent rise on the first half of 1994, Margins rocketed from 4.4 to 8.1 per cent.

Unit sales were up 5 per cent and sales prices were an average 8 per cent higher than a and sales in Asia, Africa and the year earlier. Hoechst said. But Pacific region combined were

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it added that currency fluctuations cut sales by nearly DM2bn, or 8 per cent.

The company said: "Management are also expecting favourable business in the second half of the year and for 1995

as a whole a strong increase."
The figures excluded Marion
Merrell Dow, which Hoechst acquired in two stages in June and new subsidiary will be consolidated from 1 July.

The plastics division achieved the strongest increase in sales, with turnover rising 24 per cent to DM2.65bn. Chemicals division sales rose 18 per cent to DM2.93bn, fibres sales 6 per cent to DM3.74bn and speciality chemicals 5 per cent to DM4.38bn.

Hoechst said European sales rose 11 per cent to DM14.9bn

American sales slipped 2 per cent to DM7.26bn as a result of the weaker dollar.

Analysts argued that if the dollar continues its recent appreciation, the effects could help offset a traditionally weaker third quarter. A stronger dollar would be especially helpful for Hoechst's pharmaceuticals and agriculture business, where production is still largely based in Germany, analysts added.

The stronger dollar could also lend psychological sup-port to sector share prices as it may dampen lingering fears that a price decline will eventually knock earnings lower.

This year's unexpected mark appreciation, particularly against the dollar and several European currencies, has hit German companies hard, including the three chemicals businesse Hoechst, BASF and Bayer.

#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by TOM STEVENSON

# Mixed signals in the high street

This week's batch of economic statistics has out another question mark over the ability of Britain's retailers to pull themselves out of the doldrums. The market thinks things are improving - shares in general retailers have outperformed the rest of the market by close to 5 per cent since the beginning of the month - but

the outlook remains worryingly mixed. On the bright side, although overall retail sales volumes remained relatively sluggish in July, much of the growth was concentrated on textiles and clothing, pointing to signs of strength on the high street. But the upturn came after dull sales in May and June and inflation figures yesterday - pointing to a 4.6 per cent price fall in clothing and footwear, one of the biggest on record - suggested the extra sales were won at the expense of margin.

That prognosis seems to chime with the gloom that descended on the sector in May and extended right through June after a series of profits warnings and negative trading statements from companies ranging from WH Smith, the news agent, to the women's clothes retailer Etam and House of Fraser, the stores group floated last vear.

But the big picture seems at variance with the view that emerged from the companies last month, when the City's more dismal prognostications failed to materialise. Results and trading statements from nine separate players on the high street led to only one significant profits downgrade by analysts during the month

Despite the macro-economic evidence, the City has tended to discount talk of margin pressures at the big groups. Ian Macdougall of the broker Williams de Broe points out that gross margins have broadly held their own or increased at the four large stores groups since 1990, a period covering one of the worst retailing recessions since the Second World War. Boots, indeed, has seen its margins fatten steadily from 43.1 to 46.7 per cent in that time.

Any margin pressure experienced this summer is likely to be seen at fashiondependent groups such as Etam, where poorly-received summer ranges in the spring coincided with a period of par-ticularly cold weather. Offloading these unwanted stocks as the sun drew people back into the shops in July may account for at least part of the divergent trends evident in the latest economic statistics.

For most of the rest of the larger groups, observers remain confident that they will be able to cope with the new price consciousness among consumers. Savage cost-cutting has helped, but there has also been a structural shift through investment in information technology, which has cut stock and enabled retailers to change the mix at short notice to meet demand. Bet-



ter managed operations, such as Argos, have even shown that the new environment can be used to their own advantage. Half-time profits up 43 per cent were won using low prices to gen-erate healthy underlying sales growth

of over 7 per cent.
But while retailers are coping with consumer diffidence and economic uncertainty, they are far from prospering. An interest rate rise of perhaps half a per cent towards the end of this year could take the shine off any tax cuts handed out by the Chancelior in November. In the circumstances, it may be too early to call the turn yet and investors should stick with quality stocks such as Marks & Spencer and Boots.

#### **Johnson waits** to clean up

Johnson Group Cleaners' half-year results split cleanly down the middle a dreadful year in the high street dry cleaning operation offset by a strong performance at the workwear rental arm, to give underlying interim figures as flat as a pancake.

Sliced up another way, the figures showed a good advance in the UK making up for a weak half-year in the US. Johnson's trick is clearly to get all its cyclinders firing at once.

Reported profits were a good deal worse as they included an £863,000 one-off reorganisation charge to appoint a new US chief executive and clear out some of the dead-wood management acquired with purchased businesses. The charge followed a larger one-off in last year's full-year fig-ures to sort out the UK operations, knocking a previously disjointed grouping of regional businesses into a

sensible national whole. After the charge, pre-tax profits fell from £8.2m to £7.2m. Earnings per share of 8.98p (10.4p) easily covered a maintained dividend of 2.8p.

Johnson is the largest dry cleaner in both Britain and the US and it is addressing the question whether to move over to a national brand. The jury is out on whether consumers care about the name above their local dry cleaner location is the key - or even whether they actively favour the family-owned shop. Plainly, however, there are trading advantages in terms of shared over-heads, centralised systems and the ability to take out national advertising

campaigns.
Those issues play second fiddle at the moment, however, to the absence of the "feel-good factor". Dry cleaning, it seems, is a late-cycle business late into recession and slow to recover -so the company is working on the as-

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sumption that conditions won't improve for a while. That is a pity because the textile rental side, including this year's Wimbledon to Henley catering business, is going great guns with attractive margins and return on capital.

If the dry cleaning side can recover the 14 per cent trading margin it achieved in the good years (5 per cent this time) profits have a way to go. But on forecasts of £17m this year, the shares, down 14p to 263p, trade on a p/e of 13. Given the patchy trading record and the uncertain consumer spending outlook, that is high enough.

#### Insurer finds the right niches

Interim figures from Independent Insurance seemed to justify the high ex-teem in which some brokers are starting to hold the small niche insurer. Floated in November 1993, the shares have risen by a half since coming to market and yesterday's 58 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £16m pushed them 10p igher to 328p.

Key to progress has been Independent's deliberate targeting of niche markets. Although it says it is willing to quote for all risks, a glance at the changing ratio of standard to non-standard business on Independent's books tells a different story.

Take motor accounts. In June 1991, just over half of the company's business was "standard" risk - the average Escort driver, where competition for business has driven premiums sharply down. By June this year, more than two thirds of business was non-standard - older drivers and specialist niches such as antique cars, even the Williams Formula 1 racing team.

A similar picture emerges on the home account, with non-standard risks, such as thatched homes, growing from 13 to 20 per cent of the business over the same period. Although competition for commer-

cial business remains tight, particularly in property, gross written premiums rose by 34 per cent to £69.8m compared with the same period last year. Independent's willingness to use re-

insurance, and gain access to outside capital to build up its market presence. has been a big bonus. In an otherwise flat market, Independent's earnings growth profile looks unusually buoyant and quite at odds with a prospective p/e of only 7. Partly that reflects little support from a market av-

19.3p (17.9p) 3.9p (3.7p) 2.5p (-) 8.7p (6.8p) erage dividend yield and a sizeable share 4.6p (4p) 24.9p (15.4p) price premium to forecast net assets of 10.4p (10.27p) 2.8p (2.8p) 263p this year. But, on a roll, the shares still look attractive. Westdeutsche ready

### "The War brought hardship and deprivation to everyone. To many of its survivors, old age is doing the same." Dame Vera Lynn, Patron

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### **Explosion knocks** chemicals group

777.9m (550.5m)

84.7m (83.2m)

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DAVID HELLIER

Shares in Albright and Wilson, the international chemicals group floated on the London stock market earlier this year, slipped 4p yesterday to 189p after an explosion at one of the company's plants in the Midlands.

Johnson Group Cleaners (F)

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The fire services were called to its Oldbury Works site on Wednesday evening but there were no injuries or health risks to local residents, the company

It is believed the blast was caused by two incompatible chemicals accidentally mixing in an acid plant. An investigation

Albright and Wilson, which used to be part of Tenneco, the US-based industrial company.

They don't come much closer to a marketing man's dream than Linford Christie Followers of athletics

and readers of the

Independent who saw yesterday's front page photograph will have noticed that after his victory in the 100m in Zurich the

other evening, Christie removed his running vest to reveal a large white Puma logo emblazoned on his

The logo - on the left

looked so incongruous that

thought it was a previously unnoticed birth mark or a

rather unfortunate bird

Is this a new trend in sports sponsorship? Can we

expect Gazza to have three

Adidas stripes inked into his

platinum blond crew cut? Or

André Agassi to have the

deal with Christie for 13

usually removes his shirt

after races but this was the

first time that he had worn

the logo, a temporary tattoo.

Puma arranged the deal

through Christie's agent, Nuff Respect, and is

into his chest hair?

distinctive Nike tick shaved

Puma - which has had a

years - says that the sprinter

dropping.

oectoral to be precise -

observers might have

shares were offered at 150p, a lower price than Tenneco had originally expected because of the lack of appetite in the City for new issues.

COMPANY RESULTS.

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155.3m (92.9m)

7.2m (8.2m)

The company suffered a serious explosion at a plant in Charleston in the US in 1991, resulting in seven deaths and a number of serious injuries.

At the time of the UK flotation, the company said its safety procedures had been significantly improved since then and any legal liabilities arising out of that explosion were fully

covered by insurance.
The latest incident is not seen as anything like as serious, since there were no injuries and the plant was within weeks of being decommissioned.

#### for London boost was floated in February. Its JOHN EISENHAMMER

Financial Editor

Westdeutsche Landesbank. which is preparing to bolster its investment banking activities in London, yesterday reported an increase in first-half operating profit to DM1bn (£442m) before risk provisions compared with DM944m, half of last vear's total

A number of German banks traditionally compare first-half results with half the total of the

previous year's results. WestLB, a state-owned bank which is the third largest in Ger-many and has embarked on an aggressive strategy of expansion at home and abroad, said interim operating profit after risk provisions reached DM472m,

compared with DM396m. Friedel Neuber, WestLB's chairman, said: "We can be satisfied with our results, because we have stabilised our earnings at a good level and have fully taken into account all recognisable risks in the halfyear results.'

WestLB, which has a strong operation in Third World debt, is finalising plans for developing its investment banking opera-tion in the City, West Merchant Bank. This will involve hiring several hundred people, notably as it builds up a securities presence. WestLB did look at Smith New Court during the recent takeover competition for the leading City broker, even-tually clinched by Merrill Lynch

#### Nigel Cope CITY DIARY



Linford Christie: sponsorship deal is close to the heart

things that attract attention," the company

Coca-Cola is just one of the companies enjoying a summer bonanza because of

The Coke company said yesterday that sales last week were 30 per cent

Birds Eye Walls, part of Unilever and the largest UK



the coverage. "Linford is a great media vehicle for our brand and he likes doing

the continuing heatwave.

higher than the same week last year and six per cent higher than its best week on

chipper. The company sold 100 million ice creams in July, 10 per cent more than last year. This month looks like being even better with sales currently running at more than double last year's

If Northumbrian Water gets really desperate in its defence against a hostile takeover from French group Lyonnais des Eaux, perhaps it will make use of its mirthil address. The company's headquarters is based at Abbey Road, Pity Me.

company's headquarters is based at Abbey Road, Pity Me. Durham. Northumbrian tells me that Pity Me is a corruption of the French, Petit Mer, meaning small sea. Apparently French settlers alighted upon the North-east village back in the dim and distant past when there was a small lake there. This has long since been dredged and replaced by an aesthetically pleasing industrial estate. "There are a number of villages with unusual names up here," Northumbrian says. "There is one up the road called No Place."

Cadbury Schweppes, which markets Coca-Cola through a joint venture is pleased as punch with the big soft drinks binge but is saying precious little about its sales of chocolate.

ice cream maker, is equally

**Kevin Hawkins**, former corporate affairs director at WH Smith, has jumped ship to join Argyll, the Safeway supermarkets group.

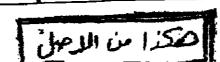
Dr Hawkins, one of that rare breed of PR men with a PhD, joined Smiths from Lucas in 1989. He says that his departure was nothing to do with the trauma of having to deal with WH Smith's

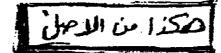
profit warning earlier this year, the company's first in 15 years.
"I had been there six years time for a

and decided it was time for a change before I reached 50, he said." How old is he now? A well-preserved 47.



understandably delighted at **● (3)** (1)





### market report/shares

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Hopeful US investors power Vodafone to new peak Vodafone, the mobile tele-phone group, is dialling the the price should be 300p. Sobest stock market numbers. With enthusiasm continuing to grow about the cellular radio market - and the nagging sus-picion the group will attract a US take over bid - the shares zipped to a new 272.5p peak,

up 7p.
The company ahready has a large US fan club, with more than 40 per cent of its shares thought to be held by American investors who are attracted by the relatively low rating of its shares compared with similar US telephone groups. The latest share upsurge is thought to reflect continued US buying. But trans-Atlantic influences do not enjoy exclu-

sivity to the Vodafone line. The group has met institutional investors in recent weeks and a number of UK stockbrokers have waxed lyrical but Amersham Internatio about the shares. Nat West Sedipped 11p to 988p as Nat West curities has suggested Vodafone is the fastest growing FT

ciete Generale Strauss Turnbull is another bull of the shares. Since being split from Racal Electronics seven years ago Vodafone has been as low as

The rest of the stock market tended to laze in the summer sunshine with the FT-SE 100 index climbing 5.5 points to 3,470.6, with encouraging inflation figures overshadowing a poor New York opening. Currency influences again

had an impact. Incheape's recovery continued with the shares up 7p to 353p; Grand Metropolitan, enjoying the added ingredient of investment presentations, was 5.5p higher at 418p.
P&O rose 12p to 565p as
SGB Warburg suggested the
shares had fallen too steeply

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

group, rose 2.5p to 345p on its results but Pearson, confirming its intention to sell its the unsuccessful bidder, was also marked down 5p, to 475p. Building shares remained stake, fell 11p to 622p.
Shell gained 6.5p to 734p on
Goldman Sachs support while
Enterprise Oil slipped 5p to
371p as speculation resurfaced

it is planning to sell its 9.8 per cent shareholding in former bid target Lasmo.
Scottish & Newcastle rose
to to 607p. Director Trevor
Hemmings sold 250,000 shares at 601p and now has 18.4 mil-

lion shares. Mr. Hemmings is a big shareholder in Farringford, the shell company where rumours of a deal are going the rounds. Morland, capturing Unicorn Inns in an £11m deal. lost 5p to 545p. Regent Iuns, weak with the prospect of an-other housebuilder sale, BICC's Clark Homes, increasing the already deep gloom in the industry. Tarmac and, it is thought, Trafalgar House already have their house building businesses on

the market. Glaxo Wellcome was a shade easier following negative com-ments about its Retrovir AIDs drug in the influential New England Journal of Medicine. The journal apparently sug-gests Retrovir is having little effect in early treatment of the disease. Such a finding is not surprising following earlier inever, represents only 3 per cent of Glazo's turnover. Zeneca ran into further profit-taking after its recent strong run, falling 15p to 1,107p. Hanover International ar-

rived on the hotel pitch. Against a 100p offer price the shares closed at 125p. The company is the creation of Peter Eyles, son-in-law of the late Sir Maxwell Joseph, creator of Grandmet. Mr. Eyles former head of the Norfolk Capital hotel chain - is expected to embark on a rapid Hanover build-up, acquiring hotels for shares, It has already acquired the 98 bedroom Imperial Hotel in Cork from Bridgend, which holds 47 per cent of Hanover. Bridgend

held at 15p.

Brockbank, a Lloyds managing agency, arrived on AIM, climbing 5p to 205p. The group, which takes in the Admiral direct insurance opera-tion, achieved profits of £3.5m

vestigations. Retrovir, how- in the first half of its current year. Gowring, the car dealer which also operates Burger King fast food outlets, rose 3p to 86p. The family-controlled group has climbed from 67p since the start of last month.

Halkin, the luxury goods and duty free group, held at 63p. Williams de Broe believes profits this year will hit £5m with £6.2m likely in the following year. It believes the shares are cheap.

Intercare, with £7m of cash

and net assets worth 55p a share, should achieve profits of £2.2m this year, believes Greig Middleton. The group has sold its optical division and now produces wheelchairs and distributes medical products. The

shares stuck at 62p. Canadian Pizza, awaiting take over developments, fell a further 6p to 89p. The shares have lost all but 3p of their gain following last week's announcement that a bid ap-

Environed, the medical group, shaded to 39p. Its directors are due to meet next week to consider a bid from its management and an talk in the industry that UK the terms will come under was floated at 110p two years ago. Its shares crashed when it issued a profit warning in

TAKING STOCK

lt was just like the Irish oil bonanza of the 1980s. Petroceltic, traded on the Irish exploration market, jumped 9p to 39p (after 41p) as stories buzzed of a big gas find off the coast near Cerk. According to some reports shoreline; others said they had been spotted from aircraft. Petroceltic remained silent but the Irish resources

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**RACING** 

**GREG WOOD** 

reports from the Knavesmire

"Oaks, Derby, Eclipse, King George, International." Simon Crisford, racing manager for the

Godolphin operation, counted

on his fingers the British Group

One races the team has won this

year, after watching So Factu-al bring up the half dozen in ves-terday's Nunthorpe Stakes. Had he wished to add up their glob-

al total at the highest level, he would have needed to remove

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Red Stream

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but probably not for long. So

Factual certainly looked capa-

ble of improving it yesterday,

hitting the front at the dis-

ance before comfortably hold-ing the unexpected challenge of Ya Malak by a one and a half

lengths, with Hever Golf Rose

third. Mind Games, the 10-11

favourite, was notable only for

It was a stirring performance,

his absence when it mattered.

not just by the horse but also by

his jockey, Lanfranco Dettori.

Thirteen days ago, Dettori left

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\*\*ELINKESED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Pleasure Time (2.00) won at Haydock on Phiday; Gentle Irony (4.50) won at Nottingham on Saturday; Elipidos (2.35) wan at Leicester on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNINERS: King Rat (5.20) has been sent 227 miles by T Etherington from Norton, N Yorks; Westcourt Magic (2.00) sent 225 miles by M W Easterby from Sheriff Hutton, N Yorks; Westcourt Magic (2.00) sent 210 miles by Miss L Stddail from Colton. N Yorks. 2.00 ORLEANS NUMBER: 12.00 2YO 5f Penalty Value £4,221 MAGAZINE LYNN HI A woman of substanct

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really deserved that. He's very youthful and very willing, but he must have fast ground. If the good weather continues. So Factual will travel to Haydock next month for a fascinating rematch with Lake Coniston, the July Cup winner whom he beat very narrowly in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot. Since So Factual won on dirt

in Dubai during the winter, the Breeders' Cup Sprint must also be a possibility.

The poor performance of Mind Games - he missed the break and was never going well - was a bitter blow for Jack Berry, his trainer, who has yet to win a Group One race and may never have a better chance. There was disappointment for Berry, too, in the Lowther Stakes, in which his My Melody Parkes was caught by Dance Sequence after setting a fierce pace which saw off the rest of her field.

Harayir, last year's Lowther winner, went on to take the the paddock, big strong and 1,000 Guineas, but Walter Swin- well-muscled, but from that burn, Dance Sequence's jock-ey, was refreshingly frank about the chances of a repeat perfora heavy fall and yesterday was riding for the first time since. Blue Duster, 12-1 favourite for the Classic with



Coral, has beaten Dance Se-finish almost last, Alhaarth, we quence twice this season and in must hope, will perform rather Swinburn's view will do so better in toda again, if required. "I rate Blue at Sandown. Duster, I really do," the jockey said. "Even after her first start, I knew she was going to be very hard to dethrone." Dance Se-

41. RUSSIAN MAID (28) Sheidi Mohammad) J Farshave 9 0, 3-65212. PENNYCHEM (25) (D) (Sir Daud Wille) H Cacil 8 13 0410- RED UBRE (286) (R Van Galder) (and Hutmigdon 8 9 332401. EPDOS (4) (D) (The Deysong Company Limited) C Britan 060 YEATH (20) (Rueles Pariners) R Alexans 7 13

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FORM GUIDE

The Reg Alexhusz-trained Yealth is one to keep an eye on now that he has struck the handicap trail, especially when upped to 10 furings, Perhaps even more interesting is the handicap debut of RUSSIAN MAID who gained a comfortable win in a low-key Thirsk maden a month back. That came more than these months after he reaccourse debut at Leicester when a promising fourth to Cask, finishing well over seven furings, and bestern title more than is length by the winner. She was off-colour soon after that race which explains the lay-off before the Thirsk win, but James Fenshave apparently thinks a fair bit of Russian Maid who is handicapped by her inexpenence here but just about worth risking off her handicap rating of 80. There is no guarantee of the link proving accurate, but the first two at Leicester Cask and A La Carte, are rated many pounds higher in current handicaps. Henry Cacil

will be pleased that Permyonian has a better racing weight after size carned 9st. 7lb at Northingham less time (second to Hand Craft) and one thing this filly can do is battle. She seems ideally suited by a mile after being tried over 10 flutiongs earlier. Stone Ridge hasn't been too fucily in his races since winning a Nottingham maiden in April and should go well from stall-11. He was a fair fifth to Restructure in a valuable Newmarket handicap less three star decert efforts at Kempton (stopped in his nur behind the game Handy Denoer) and here (drawn widest in a fleid of 16). Alkabeb, listenab and Muchtarak (sounds like a firm of Saudi solicitors) can be considered, while Kimbridge Knight severith in the King George V Staless it Royal Associ, is a good home when given the chance to dominate.

Selection: RUSSIAN MAID.

3.10 CHARTERHOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £4,780

MUSHAHID is in the vulnerable position of having to concade weight to the more lightlyraced improvers Bonaradi and Villayet, but he is a big, scopey cont. He won at Doncaster
finalizant in May and also at Newcastle in June, running on strongly to master Cabcharge
Striker by three and a half lengths. He then ran fourth to today's Solano Stakes Salounite,
Alhaerth, in a Group Three event, at Goodwood. He is moved up to a mile here and the top
will suit ham. Bonaradi was a close second in a Namouth maiden before winning a similar
event at Chester from Ramooz, running on strongly. He is well related and can improve again.
Villayet was heavily-backed on his York debut and duly obliged from six risks. Henry Geel
had him entered up in some big races and so the York win was just the ticket. Vilayet was
a bit green there and must improve. The course winner Obligmov should stay a mile white
Ministerbeach will probably find this company too hot.

Selection: MUSHAHID.

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BETTING: 13-8 Manhahid, 9-4 Warret, 7-2 Separatil, 6-1 Objector, 16-1 Mil

Hills to prove him wrong. There was talk of Classics, too, before the Convivial Maiden Stakes, in which Mukabir, said to be the equal of his stablemate and Derby favourite Alhaarth, made his debut, Mukabir certainly looked the part in point things started to go wrong. He went to post much faster than his seven rivals, but came back rather more slowly, fading from well over a furlong out to

quence is a 33-1 chance with

better in today's Solario Stakes Upfront, Desert Boy and

Leonine were separated by just a short head at the line, with the former adding to Peter Chapple-Hyam's growing collection of juvenile winners. The trainer took particular satisfaction from his belief that there are others back at Manton with the beating of Desert Boy. "I've got a few more cards to play yet," he said, and wise backers will mark his words well.

> PERTH HYPERION

2.20 HR The Convex 2.50 Dominant Serenade 3.20 East Houston 3.50 Choice Challenge 4.25 Rechael's Owen 5.00 Distant Memory

2.35: In an event where runners suit-2.36 In an event where runners suited by a mile seem thin on the ground, RUSSIAN MAID may step up to the trip successfully on her handicap debut. She was fourth to some oseful performers, headed by Cask, on her debut and overcame a lengthy absence to gain her maid-

en win (runner-up successful since). She looks well-treated if not intimidated by a more competitive field. Kimbridge Knight and Hardy Dancer may find this distance too harp, so the reliable Pennycairn could pose the main danger. 3.10: Defeat in this company for

MUSHAHID, fourth to Albaurth in a Group race at Goodwood, would raise serious questions about the form, after the fifth Believe Me's poor run at York. Vilnyet is prob-ably not in the top bracket among Henry Cecil's juveniles, but put up a good time on his debut.



3.45: ALHAARTH overcame difficulties to score at Goodwood in a style that justified his big reputation. worked out exceptionally well. Dis-missed is highly regarded, but has been held up by sore shins. Like fel-low sufferer Celtic Swing, he was sent to Avr in search of better ground for his debut. Faster con ditions here would raise doubts, even if the failure of the form to work out did not.  $\Box\Box\Box$ 

4.15: The voungest runner, SWIV-EL, is the only one likely to progres and may do so for a longer trip.

#### 4.15 CLAYGATE STAYERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,250 C4 added 2m 78yds Penalty Value £3,794 District oda P Date 8 9 7. 9 050513 CHANALAK (22)(8) (P F Crateo) S Dow 7 8 5... 10 0-00314 GENTLEMAN SID (28) Mass J Colsson P Nagrly 5 8 3... 11 40-6522 TOMAN' COOPER (18) (C Graft, E Dawes, B Witten) Mrs B Warreg 4 8 2 ... 12 0-00130 PERSANI SMORE (8) (Mrs. Andrew Nerman') A Hale 4 8 1... 13 05400-0 SOURHAMETON (124) (Plejthjers) G Batong 5 7 7 ... 14 005005 LANARAM, (FR) (18) (P D P Log) I Restrop 6 7 7 ... 14 Minimum weight 7st 7to. Time handiscap weights: Southwrigton 7st 5b. Lajachta 6xt 15-. BETTIME: 41 Salmel 11-2 bred 6-1 der Form, 7-1 Restrictions Std. 15-2 Challedole

BETTRIR: 4-1 Suivet, 11-2 hoad, 6-1 Art Form, 7-1 Sentieman Sid, 15-2 Chalcolait, 8-1 Chyclosione, 10-1 Bardolph, 12-1 Tomay Cooper, 14-1 Others

PORT GUIDE

Imad cames 25to more than when wirning of Goodwood last morali and faces a haif-inde
shorter trip. He does seem an out-and-out stayer thas won over 3 1.2 miles over hurdlest
and GENTLEMAN SID, who has struck form and is 25b better for the two lengths by which run beet him at Ascal last time, looks the better bet on ground he likes. Art form coul still give a good account of himself off 9st 12th, so well is he numming, but there are possi-bilities, too, over **Chalceleit.** He has last ground that suits him so well and the booking of Machael Roberts is important because Simon Dow's girlding does take a bit of niding - he didn't help his emateur partner at Doncaster last time, numming on much too late. It was at this time last year that he showed his capobilities (Roberts naing) by numming that to feathy an competitive handcap over 14 kindings at York and if he can be persuaded to run a partial race, he has a good chance off a 19th lower mark.

Selections GENTLEMAN SID.

- 14	1.50	1002 DACK CEMMING STAKES (CLASS D) 23,230 80060
Ľ	rivv	3YO 1m 1f Penalty Value £3,583
1	0000	RED DRAGON (44) (Sr Philip Opperhemen G Wagg 8 11Paul Edday 1
2	0	SURROMA VALLEY (118) (At Sants Roong) J Eustere & 11 M Tebbert 5
3	00000	RED MORNING (8) (Mrs Anne Pickup) D Elsvorth 8.6Pat Edday 7
4	0001300	LORELE LEE (7) C. C Wadey) John Berry 8.5
5	004132	ELITE RACING (23) (85) Filter Record Chair P Cole 8 4
6	0340	SHARPICAL (46) Oats Mary Ward J Fanstrane S 4
7	064-250	BROWN EYED CIRL (39) (Mass L Regs.) R Hannon S 1 G Carter 3
8	535151	GENTLE IRONY (6) (A S Reed) B Meetran 7 13
		-8 declared -
泵	TINE: 11-	Gentle Irony, 3-1 Elite Recing, 9-2 Brown Eyed GM, 5-1 Sharpical, 11-2 Red Dags
		Les, 14-1 others
19	94: Neatate	p 3 & 11 M Hats 5-4 (M Haggas) 12 ton
		FORM GUIDE
æ	MILE 180	MV has won two of her last three and spes for a initiative after the larger way.

GENTLE RYONY has won two of her last dwee and goes for a follow-up after the latest win at Nottingham six days ago. She was all out to best Eliter Racing over eight and a half for longs at Export last month and they are 3to closer in the weights. Elter Racing is none too consistent, however, Brown Eyed Girl looks attractively weighted. Selections GENTLE IRONY.

			TO THE RESIDENCE
Ę	5.20	SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,50 Penalty Value £3,778	0 added 51
1	3200-13	MR BERGERAC (6) (CD) (P R John B Paling 4 9 13	T Service 3
2	452104	ROBBILLION (6) (D) (George S Thompson) D Arbettmot 4 9 8	W Wheels
ā		DOUBLE SOUNCE (S) (BF) (Nas P Scott-Durn) P Maion 5 9 6	
Ā		GENERAL SER PETER (23) (D) (talnes Nesso) P Cole 3 9 6	
5		IGNG RAT (5) (CD) (Paul Daniels) T (Zherngton 496 (Text	
8		MOULESS (USA) (5) (D) (Mrs Caroline Guernero) Par Mitchell 5 5 9	
7		MANN BANGER (16) (CD) (J ) Amess) W New 9 8 6	
ġ		FEATHERSTONE LANE (S) (D) (D Rober) Mess L Sected 4 8 5	
ğ	FASE 12	AUDICEMENT CALL SO (D) (K Weston) P Howing 8 8 0	1
•	345-25	- 3 declared -	
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1994: Jon The Can 5-9 8 L Denor 7-2 (Mrs N Macause) 13 cm
PORAL GLIDE

DOUBLE BOUNCE, trained list year by Ken kron, has re-entered the fray or good form for Peter Malon and other winning a Nothingiann handlase plast mouth in the followed up with a neck account to Law Commission at Salesbury. He is effective over five furlings and the still mature of this course will suit him. General Str Peter was a shade fusive to best The Happy Fox at Concaster last time but remains fairly handcapped and Mr Bengame and Robellige sam plensy of respect in the light of their nursing at Newbury last time when that and fourth respectively to Master Of Passon.

Selection: DOUBLE BOUNCE.

### 4.35 BLACK FRIARS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added to stakes 2m | 163214 | MOONLERT QUEST (9) (CD) B Harbury 7 10 0 | J Stack (3) 2 | 115527 | ADMIRALS SECRET (USA) (LT) C Wall 6 9 7 | L Nonton (5) 4 | 400-400 | MO COMERACISS (19) (C) E Alzon 7 8 12 | K Fellow 5 4 | 400-400 | MELSHAMN (194) (CD) M Banchury 9 6 9 | K Danley 3 5 0-11200 | FURTNAM CREST (41) M Stocks 3 8 1 | P Robbuson 6 6 134251 | ARC BRIGHT (10) (D) R Holinsheou 5 6 1 (Acut | B Doyle 1 | 6 declared | BETTING: 6-2 Admirals Secret, 11-4 Moonlight Quest, 3-1 Arc Bright, 4-1 No Committees, 8-1 Weightman, 20-1 Pullyama Creek Dilani 5.10 RED DEER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added to stakes 0-56800 EN ATTENDANT (FR) (56) (D) B Hambury 7 10 0 ..... 7 10 0 ..... ) Stack (3) 8

CHESTER

2,30 Daytona Beach 3,00 TAWKIL (nap)

3.30 Wild Rose

GOING: Good to First.

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HYPERION

GOING: Gold in Firm.

STALLS: in ZI - Stunde sale; remainder - usude

BRAW ADVANTAGE: Low mimber: best

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BLINEERED PIEST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS; Braille (2-10) won at Haydock on France.

They (2.30) was at York on Theody: LONG-DISTANCE ECHNESS: Chickenslein; (5.11) has been sent 186 miles by M Pipe

2.30 WIRRAL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,000 added 1m 2f 75yds

3.00 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000

3.30 EASTRATE HANDICAP (CLASS B) £12,750 added 3YO

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- 7 declared -BETTIME: 11-4 She's Dynamics, 3-1 Wild Rice, 7-2 Ther, 4-1 Kabil, 9-2 Nimemats, 20-1 Solubo

4.00 COMBERMERE FILLIES STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 6f

1 106020 VELOCE (7) A Bails 7 10 G

added 2YO 7f

4.00 Red Stream

4.35 Arc Bright

5.10 Selhurstpark Flyer

( Pallice 13 eders (7) 6 - 13 declare BETTING: 4-1 Ette Hope, 6-1 Persiast Affek, Highborn, 13-2 Ele Shaped, 7-1 Chempagne Grand 8-1 Rossias Heroke, Chickenteles, 10-1 others ■ William Hill have installed David Bridgwater the 5-2 second favourite for the jump jockeys championship following the news that he will ride as Martin Pipe's first jockey this season. Adrian Maguire heads the market at 4-5.

...D Watght (3) 7

8.00: 1. Highspeed () Spoul 9-4: 2. Achil Pricess 6-1: 3. Boost 7-4 fp. 6 ran. 94, 9: (5 Kettlewell). Total £3.80; £1.60, £3.50. DF: £12.20. CSF: £12.60.

6.30: 1. CARMENTALIA (N. Woods) 9-4; 2. Silent Soprano 33-1 fax; 3. Annaber; 10-11. 5 ran. 3-7; 2-7; 15r Mark Prescott. Toke 52-90; 52-20, 53-10. DF; 523-30. CSF, 532-27.

7.00: 1. BRABLE (A Garth) 5-2 (av., 2. Ado leacence 6-1; 3. Kenno Sebo 5-1, 8 ran, 3, 4, IM Meagler). Total: £4.00; £1.30, £1.70, £1.30. DF. £28.80. CSF £15.16 Tr. cast: £50.12.

7.30; 1. PHARMACY (N Connorton) 1-2 fax; 2. Ancestral Jane 11-4; 3. Balloys First 6-1 5 ran. 6, 4... U Warral, Tota: £1.60; £1.20, £1.40, DF: £1.90, CSF: £2.40. Non Runner; Wee Tarkerbell,

SALISBURY

5.46; 1. OOZLEM (G Faulmen 9-1; 2. Super Sevendo 5-1; 3. Alchiek Colonnado 14-1, 11, ma. 5-2 (av. hr Outa, Hero, 1-), ind. Llamie Poulton). Rote: £12 (2); £3,10, £180,£4,20, F2; £4,90, CSF; £48,29, 1-cast; £566,47. Inc. £26,30.

6.15: 1. ALZANTI (7 Qurm) 13-2: 2. Diminutive 14-1; 3. Palet it Black 14-1, 15 ran. 13-8 fav fira hemati. sht-hd, 1%, (9 Colo), Toke £7.80; £1.80, £3.30, £4.80, DF£44.20, CSP; £95.15, Ino: £228.50.

6.45: 1.50.TO (0 R MCDO) 8-1; 2. Greet Hall 8-1; 3. Sharred Image 4-1 (a. 10 ran. nl. vs. (K Cumungtum-Brown), Total (9:50, 12-50, 12-50, 12-70, DF; 117-80, CSF; 166-92, Theost; 12-72, 11, Tron; 682, 70

7.15; 1. TARF (W Carson) 15-8 t.m. 2. Cross The Border 3-1; 3. Cossic Familiary 2-1. 6 ran. 3-r. 4. (P Walkyn). Totac £2.50; £1.60, £1.80, DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.82. Non Runner: Martara.

■ Michael Hills rode Distant

Princess to win at Yarmouth yesterday after finding the firmest

ground on the stands' side of the

track. Clerk of the course David

Henson readily admitted there

#### RACING RESULTS

2.05: 1. DESERT BOY (J Reid) 100-30: 2. Leonine 6-1: 3. Runslam Massic 25-1. 8 ran. 9-4.1 fav Raheen (4th), 5tt-inf, 1½, (P Crapite-Hyern, Marton). Tota: E5.10; £1.40, £1.90, £5.10. Duel Forecast: £21.70, CSF: 72 62

2.35: 1. DANCE SEQUENCE (W R Swin-burn) 5-4 fav; 2. My Melody Parkes 8-1; 2. Sweet Robin 8-1: 9 rate, 14: 14: (M Stoute, Newmarker), Tobes (2.10; £1.30, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £12.27. Tre:

2.14.00.

3.10: 1. SO FACTUAL (L Dettod) 9-2: 2.

Ya Manish 20-1: 3. Hencer Golf Rose 4-1. 8
ress. 10-11 far Mind Germes (Grb), 14:, 15:,
68eed bin Surron', Potes: £5:00; £1.70,
£4.10, £1.70, DF. £95.40, CSF, £70.91. 14.10, 11.70, DF 195.40, CSF, £70.91.

3.48: 1. CAP RILLICA (Wester) 7-2 tav;
2. Indian Fly 12-1; 3. Behaviour 4-1, 15.

ren. 1/4, 74. [R Cirefton, Beckhampton). Rote:
14.40; £2.50, £3.70, £2.60, DF: £31.50.

CSF; £45.28. Incast £2.69.12. Inc. £58.20.

4.18: 1. PROSRESSION IM Baird) 121: 2. Immeed Assuur 14-1; 3. Vinduloo
16-1, 15 mm. 4-1 fav Pumce (Girl). 2/4.

7-1. (P Hesiam, Middleham). Rote: £19.80;
15.00, £59.00. DF: £113.10. CSF;
15.00, £59.00. DF: £113.10. CSF;
16.09.2. Tincast: £2.463.04. Into:
12.653.60. Non Runner: Cancing Sensimon.

4.45: 1. LARROCHA (M J Knone) 4-11 

5.15: 1 DEDNA Pot Eddey; 100-30; 2 Forthound 7-4 far; 3. Peace Envey 12-1 1, ran. 2:-, ral. (R Charlton, Becklaryston). Tota: 13.80; 11.80, £1.50, £3.20. Dr. £4.20. CS: £9.64. This: 128.20. Jackpot: £8.658.50. epot: £797.40. Quadpot: £136.00. e 8: £242.17. Place 5: £76.65.

YARMOUTH

2.20: 1. AMM/H. (R Fifst 6-1; 2. Charmwood Queen 9-2; 3. Inchester Lass 6-1, 7 znr., 9-4 (av Helia Hobson's (Sth). 3:5, 1\*s. (H Transon Jores, Newmorled, Yeele 16,70; 53.00, £1.80. DF: £24.90. CSF; £29.12. 2.50: 1. UNICLE GEORGE (P Robrison) 33-1; 2. Sesuro 6-1; 3. Alemela 12-1; 9 man. 5-4 by Unsold (4m). nd. nd. (M Tomokins, Newmented). Totae £26.70; 13.00, 12.40. 12.40. DF: £98.50. CSF: £203.74. This £209.10 (part won, pool of £176.75 commed forward to Sandown 4.15 today).

3.25: 1. MITTARASSING (S Webstandth) 7.

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Source to Sandown 4.15 (odey).

3.25: 1. MUTABASSIM (S. Whishorth) 71; 2. Roundin 11-4 far, 3. St Looks Lady 141.8 ram. 21:, 17:, (A. Stéwart, Newmarker).
Rote: £6.40; £1.90, £1.50, £1.90, ESP.
£19.0. CSP. £19.03, Incast: £1.43,44. Tric. £45.30. Cent Nouvelles (£1.2) withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction £5p in pound.

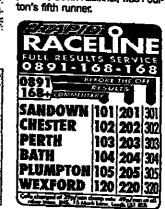
4.00: 1. DISTANT PRONCESS (M Hite) 6-4 for; 2. Cavil 12-1: 3. Domitia 5-1, 8 mm, 17:, 1. (B Hits, Lambourn). Total: £2.20: £1.20, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £7.70, CSF: £1.9.10.

4.30: 1. JUNIARIAH SUN (O Urbina) 4.1; 2. Sherray 10-1: 3. Bay of letands 6-1. 7 ran, 13-8 to Almaham (5th), 1-b, 20-, tl. Cumans, Newmorket). Tota: £3.30; £2.40, £3.80. DP; £14.60. CSF; £37.62. 5.00: 1 MARCHANT MING (W Ryan) 7-2; 2 Immosance 7.4 fm; 3. Prosto Boy 4-1. 7 rm. 7, 3. (M Imms, Newmerket), Total: 55.30: £2.20, £1.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.59.

Place 6: £329.79. Place 5: £106.68.

\*THE INDEPENDENT Horse Racing Results **0839 - 111 171** Commentary 0839 - 111 175

were faster strips of ground. He said: "The problem is the wind coming off the sea. The pipes are placed three feet from the rails but the water still doesn't reach so that's why it's faster there. I don't know why some other jockeys haven't worked that one out yet." ■ Jamie Poulton had his first winner as a trainer when saddling Ooziem to win at Salisbury last night. Poulton is the step-son of Lewes trainer John Long and brother to lady jockey Leesa Long. He has had his training licence since the end of June and Ooziem, ridden by apprentice Gavin Faulkner, was Poul-



Stuffing cotton-wool in the ears was a trick that worked for Pleasure Time at Haydock last Friday when he tanded the John Permit Snooker Nursery. A penalty is largely offset by his excellent draw next to the stands' rail. There have been a few horses over the years that have benefited from the noise-blocking cotton-wool ploy and Pleasure Time, who wears blinkers too, made at at Reddar in May, so he will be promisent from the start. Third at Haydock, keeping on stoutly, was Centerion who will be inneed to make up the deficit of shout a length on this staffer track with Pat Eddery riding. One to beat them both is the speedy north-ern coft WESTCOURT MAGEC, not so well drawn but with the pass to take a handy position. His recent form (making all Newcastis and Bearfey) shows him to be improving and he likes the fast ground. Even with a 5b penalty for the Bearley defeat of Eastern Prophists and Stop Play, he might still be ahead of the handicapper. Queglipsio has beeten both Pleasure Time and Centurion in recent weeks and it was that Ripon Hombiower Stales in which he was last of four last time, penalts feeling the effects of some hard races, Airst if a 8 a small cook, but one running well. He can't be ruled out despite top weight, while Merandi and Carlosture and three-times to win soon. 2.35

ALBERT HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3Y0

Im Penalty Value £5,810

1 115302 HARON DANCER (13) (i) (Peer L Rigson) G I. Moore 9 7

3 0-1466 MONSAR (13) (ii) (Peer L Rigson) G I. Moore 9 7

R Cochrane 6

3 0-1466 MONSAR (13) (ii) (iii) (iii BATH HYPERION

3.45 SOLARIO STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £33,000 C4 C.

ALHAARTH is already being toused as a classic prospect, so he will need to win this Group Three contest to heep the bendwagon rolling. His Newmarket debut win from Mark Of Extern represents hot form and he looked smart in the Lanson Champagne Vintage Stakes (also Group Three) at Goodwood next time, taking a bad bursp early in the streight but girting himself out of trouble with a impressive change turn of loot. Bred on the right lines, he is as simple scope for improvement, Distributed was file a led on his first day at school when warning namowly from Creative Star on his Ayr debut. Very green, he can leave that form behind but it is asking something of him to lower Almarth's colours. The Bly Staffile could be the main three status and she looks ready-made for the horsease in distance. She gets 10th, so if she improves again she might well give the tavousite a scrap. BETTING: 1-3 Alberth, 9-2 Staffe, 7-1 No. ed. 33-1 White Whiteen STEVE VICK INTERNATIONAL SKY

6.30 HALF CENTURY DINING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 4f PLUMPTON 0443-11 GONE BY (4) (D) ) Jeriors 7 11 12 (Ga) \_ HYPERION 53-3532 BONDAID (14) (C) J White 11-11-10 ... 01,753/ TIP TOP LAD (614) T Jones 8 11 5.... 5.30 Miss Mah-jong 6.00 Oh So Handy 6.30 Gone By 7.00 Doonloughan 7.30 Omki-3-4P444 FEVERO ZAD (S) H Mannes 12 11 1 \_ Joy 8.00 Mailingerer - 5 dec if 110yds POETHLYN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,400 added 2m 1f #300-0 MCHTIBAA (68) R O'Sub-en 5 11 10 ...... 3215-42 MRSS MAH-JOHO (16) J White 4 11 8 ..... added 2m 4f 343-043 BEALLEN (14) Mis L Janel 7 10 10 ... COPO4-P THAT'S SPECIAL (24) R Homs 6 10 9 ... يضما لأ... 4/2 QAFFAL (50) R Philips 5 11 2 P268-22 ONEDJOY (14) | Jertics 5 10 7 . 0F/34 ROSSCOME (34) J Flisch-Neyes 5 10 9 . – 5 deci PP654-2 OR SO HANDY (14) R Curts 7 11 2... 30425-4 ARAMON (23) M Hoynes 5 11 0 , 

5.45 Sejaal 6.15 Rose Of Glenn 6.45 Xenophon Of Cunaxa 7.15 Fantasy Racing 7.45 Ansellman (nb) 8.15 Aqua Rigia (nb) 8.1.3 Aquin rugus

GOING: Hard STALLS: Straight course – for side; rest – inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Seems of little consequence nowadays.
Il Left-hand, galloping course, Four indong run-in bends to the left and is uphill all the way.

Racecourse is 2m north-west of city near A431. Buth railway station is over 2m away. ADMISSION: Club 212; Tattersails 58; Silver Ring 53; Course 51. CAE PARK: Ficult area 54 for car plus driver and 51 for each passenger; remainder free. £5,250 added 5f 161yds 14-24 MARTINAN (\$1) (MF) B Hanbury 3 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ S Sanders (\$) 56(100 PRIMA SILK (\$) (20) M Ryen 4 9 12 \_\_\_\_\_ D 6856 (\$) 

> TTNG: 4-1 Coleton-C, 9-2 La Gran Senorita, 5-1 Prima Sille, Familian Jung, 11-2 Dry Point, 7-1 Mayelana, 8-1 others 7.45 LONGLEAT CLAIMING STAKES SKY

400420 WINSOME WOOSTER (14) (CD) P Murphy 4 93 .

0 BALTSHELA (11) 6 Chades-Jones 3 8 0\_R Stadbolme (7) 8 - 7 dockmed -BETTRIC: 9-4 Americans, 11-4 Pearl Deep, 3-1 Giggleowick Cirl, 7-4 Pe-cific Cirl, 8-1 Paley Prince, 12-1 Normalic Deeper, 51-1 pallyshells WESTONBIRT FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS

— to excussed — RETTING: 5-2 Agus Righs, 7-2 Selle Mor, 4-1 Baselles, 9-2 Took de Val, 5-1 Chardieton, 8-1 Magnetion

GOING: Phys. GUING: Firm.

Left-hand, undulating course with storp bends. Tricky down-hill fence in back straight. Upbill run-in of 200yts.

Resectourse is off ACTS south of Haywards Heath. Plumpton rallway station adjoints the course. ADMISSION: Members 5.13; Tattersalls &S; Course 5-1. CAR PARE: 24 (centre of course) & BETTHIS: 8-11 Gone By, 9-4 Bondald, 7-1 To You Lad, 10-1 Plying Zind, 7.00 I G INDEX HANDICAP CHASE SKY SIS All races 22/F1UF- MR (MUNDOCK (BB) (D) R Alver 10 12 0\_ WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Gone By (6.30) won at Ban-gor on Saturday, Gone By (6.30) & Swedish Invader (7.30) won at Fontwell on Monday. P4511P MONKSANDER (76) P Repters 9 10 7 .... 56PGP LEMBNING (78) P Rodon 11 100 ..... LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Wednesdays Anction (6.00) & Leningrad (7.00) have been sent 139 miles by P R Redford from Ash, Somezset. 2 205-001 SWEDISH BYMOER (4) / White 4 10 9 .... ASPS LOAN HILL (Q ) Figsh-Hoyes 11 10 3 . SETTING: evens Mins Mais-long, 11-4 Dathran, 4-1 Sundon, 7-1 Responses, 14-1 That's Special 6.00 NETWORK SOUTH CENTRAL NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f 8.00 BUXTED NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 1f 0- PERCES COLD (200) | White 5 11 0 .....

om welght 10st. Into handicap weight Lerbograd 9st 3th. BETTING: 7-4 Wanie Lorraine, 9-4 Donatoughan, 11-4 Mr May 5-1 Monksander, 33-1 Lening ad 7.30 AR DENNIS NOVICE CLAIMING SKY BETTING: 4-7 Sundish Isrador, 9-4 Gallal, 8-1 Omidjoy, 20-1 Loan Hill

1052-40 WELKING (35) R 0'Sultien 6 11 2 ..... MALINGSHER (104) D Wilson 4 10 6 ..... SETING: 7-4 Sparking Bales, 9-4 On So Handy, 9-1 Wildow, 5-1 Studies BETTING: 2-1 Pleases Cold, 9-4 Artmon, Multiplease, 9-2 Wilso Hill, Debooks, 24-1 Wednesdays Auction







# Here we go, here we go

The new Premiership season, which has been straining at the leash for weeks, finally bounds into the open tomorrow, bulging with more possibilities than an advertisement for Club

At the end of it, nine and a half months away, is the final of the European Championship. By then we may be either celebrating a glorious revival of English football - or contemplating a game thrown, once more, into shameful introspection by hooliganism and other unsavoury activities.

Last season - with a riot in Dublin, the bungs and bribes, Cantona's kung-fu kick and Paul Merson's confessions should have been the worst in living memory. It will probably be recorded as such. Yet attendances rose again, for the ninth successive year, and the recolgames in packed and splendid stadiums as of FA inquiries and dawn arrests.

In one respect the various incidents appeared to prove the old adage about there being no such thing as bad publicity. It seems footballers can get away with anything as long as they

keep playing good football. Nevertheless the game cannot afford to be complacent. Hooliganism, in particular, has the capacity to reverse the game's rejuvenation. The possibility of camp sites, motorway service stations and city centres becoming international battlegrounds next summer is too awful to contemplate. Corruption, too, could empty the grounds.

but only if the Grobbelaar trial reveals the game to be rotten to its heart.

That seems unlikely, but the case does highlight a further menace to the game's popular-ity – its growing obsession with money. As wages continue to escalate, to sums which the ordinary fans cannot remotely identify with, the avarice of players, agents and clubs seems to increase. The more there is, the more they want.

Two years ago, when the Pre-mier League visited the United States to study marketing and management techniques, a senior executive was told: "You think you have problems now, wait until there is really big money on offer". American baseball has since discovered that there is a limit to supporters' tolerance. Attendances are well down since the strike, despite all the players and owners have still failed to settle the original dispute.

There is no immediate likelihood of a similar situation developing in England, but the pursuit of wealth will have its casualties. In the Premiership they will be those supporters, of-ten the most dedicated, who cannot meet spiralling admission charges. In the Endsleigh it will be the clubs themselves who are priced out of the game, broken by the knock-on effect of rising wages at a time when the lottery is hitting their fundraising and the national profile of the big clubs is eroding local

support. having enough telephone orators to meet demand.

in wages and transfer fees is that many Premiership clubs, having completed the redevelopment of their grounds, have become so cash rich they feel they can challenge the European giants. Yet, in many areas, our clubs are decades behind.

Take Arsenal. They have a magnificent stadium and expensively assembled team but they do not even own their own training ground. They rent one from the University of London.

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Compare this to the broad acres of Milan's out-of-town training centre, or even tiny Auxerre's many practice pitches, bordered by sports halls and accommodation for their youth players.

Some clubs are taking note; Manchester United, Norwich and Newcastle are among those building facilities for the future. but others have too limited a perspective. And even Newcastle, with their ambitious plans for medical centres and multi-sports youth development, neglect the basics like having enough telephone op-

Such deficiencies in public relations are common. Arsenal, with a turnover counted in tens of millions, do not have a press officer. They are not alone. While other sports cultivate the media, and are rewarded with positive coverage, football regards it with suspicion and is

often portrayed negatively as a

Even worse is the disdain some football people show to supporters. Few clubs throw open their training ground like Vewcastle do, fewer still consult their fans. The need for greater understanding, between all parties, is an urgent one. The Cantona incident was just the extreme manifestation of a growing hostility towards opposing players and managers. There is a lack of respect and it is a dangerous trend, especially since the removal of may surprise.

Enough doom and gloom. Premier League, this newspaper's magazine reported on a only soccer you can watch". sport in crisis. Aldershot had just gone bust, Northampton seemed about to join them. Three years on Northampton have survived and are prospering in a new ground; somehow everyone else has survived too. while Aldershot are re-formed and working their way back up the leagues.

The present mood of the game is reflected in a more recent article, in Sports Illustrated, the erudite US magazine. It is a celebration of British football, its worldwide appeal and domestic vibrancy. "Soccer World will one day be the name of our planet, and London will be the capital," it ventures.

That will be true on 30 June. though it is hard to envisage England being anything but hosts by the time the European Championship reaches its climax. For the domestic season the spotlight will be further north, probably Lancashire, possibly Newcastle. It is a big season for Les Ferdinand, Ryan Giggs, Andy Cole and, in Italy, Paul Ince.

Ince's departure underlined that, for all the Premiership's cash and dash, Serie A remains king of the leagues. Bergkamp, Gullit and Silenzi will be welcomed to the English league; Stoichkov, Roberto Carlos and Ince to the Italian. European club results are likely to reflect this imbalance, although Forest

watch English football. Sports Shortly before the advent of the Illustrated quoted Ivan Lendi's line - "English soccer is the The frantic nature of our game is partly responsible for our failures on the global stage, but it is also the reason why so many cannot wait for 3pm tomorrow.

It should be a good, open campaign. There are arguments against all the main challengers and predictions are hazardous. Three seasons ago the usually prescient Andy Gray tipped Kevin Campbell as the coming man. Tell that one to Highbury - although it is a sure bet that he will score the winner when

# Centenary waits for the revolution

It threatens to be a strange and disorientating experience, this last winter of professional rugby league in Britain. A transitional season is almost bound to be that way, but it is important for the game that it maintains some sort of momentum.

The impending revolution of the Super League next March is stealing the thunder of the code's centenary - little more than a week away, although you would hardly know it - but unless this final winter season is respectable the Super League will be certain to start badly.

That is the essence of the problem for clubs. Is this season, now known as the Stones Centenary Championship, a major event in its own right, or an expanded pre-season training programme for the Super League?

The winners will get £75,000 and, more significant in historic terms, permanent custody of a Championship trophy first awarded to Broughton Rangers

The 11 teams in the division which, with the addition of Paris in March, will become the Super League, will be trying to win it; but there is an inevitable feeling that it is largely a preparation for something much big-ger and much richer to follow.

The theory that Wigan might treat the transitional season as something less than crucially important is the main source of hope for the others.

The England coach, Phil Larder, is on record as hoping that clubs will rest their internationals and release them for squad sessions during the lead-up to the World Cup in October. Wigan have indicated their intention of working along those lines and giving more

The truncated 1995/96 rugby league season kicks off tonight in the shadow of the Super League, which starts in March. Dave Hadfield looks ahead

tunities to their young players. The trouble for the others is that, as they demonstrated without Shaun Edwards and Martin Offiah in Dublin last weekend, even below-strength Wigan sides are more than a match for the rest

There is a potential problem for Wigan in the blueprint for the future, however. Players involved in the World Cup. whose clubs progress through

DAVE HADFIELD'S PREDICTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP: 1 Wigan 2 St Helens 3 Leeds 4 Bradford 5 Hallfax 6 Warrington 7 Castleford 8 Shaffield 9 Oldham 10 Workington 11 London FIRST DIVISION: Keighley

SECOND DIVISION: Hull KR the Challenge Cup (to be during the gap between the two seasons) and who will be required for the Anglo-Australian playoffs and internationals nex October will play for a solid 15

months. That is obviously too much and there will clearly be plenty of very tired players by this time next year - many of them at Wigan. So the feeling is there, as it always must be if the rest of the

league is not simply to pack up and go home, that it is at least worth keeping up the chase. Of those chasers, St Helens could be the best equipped to take advantage of any slips. Their first-choice line-up now

has a formidable look, there are

than the usual quota of oppor- plenty of young players with the capacity for improvement and their next generation showed their mettle in May by thrashing Wigan in the Academy Challenge Cup Final at Old Trafford.

Leeds have become almost traditional runners-up, but without the inspirational press. ence on the field of Ellery Hanley and with one or two vawning gaps in their squad, they may be hard-pressed to achieve even that this time.

Dean Bell and Hugh McGahan have between them all the rughy league know-how and intelligence that could be asked, but it could take some time before they can lift performances. at the club.

London Broncos will be watched closely for signs that they are doomed to be hopelessly uncompetitive. They need to establish some credibility before the Super League kicks off, if their inclusion in it is not to look contrived and artificial. In what is now called the First

Division, the momentum could still be with Keighley Cough so unlucky to win what was their the Second Division last season without earning promotion.

In the event of Paris failing to make the starting line - although the League's chief ex-ecutive, Maurice Lindsay, is adament that they will be ready - the winners of the First Division will be clamouring for inclusion. Nobody has more incentive to make sure they are those winners than Keighley.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

BRADFORD BUILS: A new name and, more relevantly, a new coach make it a highly significant season. Brian Smith is one of the few coaches in the world who can be counted on to lift a club. He will give youth a chance but might find that he needs to spend to strengthen some positions.

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Major signings: St. John Ellis (South
Queensiand Crushers), Jon Scales (Leeds),
Andy Ireland (Widnes), Torresy Hodgidneos:
(St Helens), Department David Heron (retred), Davie Watson (Sydney Tigers), David
Fraisses (Workington), Richers' Daviess
(Devesbury), Traver Clark (released). CASTLEFORD: The loss of Richle

lackmore and Tony Kemp, plus a couple of key players advencing in years, makes Cas start to look a little thin. Third place flattered them slightly last sea-son and they are unlikely to match it

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LEEDS: the Dean Bell-Hugf McCarran, partnership at the top could work well

ley (ARL). Petrick Entet (Pers), Jos Scales LONDON BRONCOS: It is now or never for the capital outpost. Either the

Broncos establish themselves as part of Landon's sporting scene over the next 14 months or they can forget it. Some Influential Australians and some imag-inative British signings will help, but the Broncos have a huge leap to make before they are competitive in this league. Signings: Terry Matterson, Judes C'Nell, Paul Hauff, Leo Dynevic, Shace Kenting, Ben Waller, Sussest Sauden (at Ristone Broncos), Tony Mestrer (South Sydney), Shane Vincent (Newtostle, Australia), Paul

(Doncester), Department John Gallegher (re-trach, Abe Bloks (Holder), Sam Seowert (Hull 1973, Mark Johnson (Workington), Logan OLDHAM: Have spent ambitiously, by their standards, giving them a chance

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effect. ST HELENS: Started to gel as a side last season. The addition of Dean Busby and the continued development of young players such as Keiron Cuin-

ning am and State Prescutt could make them the major threat to Wigan.

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Same Cooper (Winas), Terminy Houseldsson (Bredford), Black Elle (Kin), Andy Denmatt (HJS KR); SHEFFIELD EAGLES: Their resilience

and ability to regioup after the loss of star players will be tested again by the loss of Lee Jackson in the New Year, it is vital that John Lawless fulfils his

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momentum.

Signings: Jerome Vincent (Viteriose); Andy Hay (Castellori), John Lumbons (Mai-rian), Sonny Whelteren (Demontal): Dis-partures: Carl Sriggs (Halino), Nex. WARRENGTON: It is the literal truth to say that they have spent big this somer. All three of their new recruits at grants in their positions, but there are uncertainties over how much value War rington will get from any of them. The Davies can bounce back after a disappointing spet in Australia.

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WIGAN: Too many players have gone for Wilgan to be 100 per cent confident of maintaining their domination. The signs Nigel Wright, Simon Haughton and Scott Quinnell can fill the gaps. Most vitel of all is Andy Farrett, whose goalkicking can ease the pace of Franc Botica's (at least temporary) absence and whose class in the back row will compensate. for that of Phil Clarke and Dens Betts." Signings: Panil Berrow (Midnes) Department
Pani Michaena (Oldram), Panil Stavena (Lmdon), Phil Clashe (Sydney City Rooslens), Denis Betts (Auckland), Franc. Botics

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WORKINGTON TOWN: The loss of a STREAM COACH BOS Peter Walsh is bound to hamper Workington, although the caretainers, Billy McGinty and Phil McKere-Ze, are men of character. They will need to be, because this is going to be tough. Signings: David Frateau (Brothori), Mark Johnson, Logan Campbell (Brothori), Mark Rowland Phillips (Warrington), Department Syle White, Mark histilgen (both to Australia)

### Woking start out with grounds for optimism

Non-League Notebook RUPERT METCALF

If the bookies are right, the GM Vauxhall Conference could, for the first time since Wycombe went up in 1993, provide a club suitable for promotion to the Football League this season.

Ladbrokes have listed Woktable at the end of the 1995/96 Conference campaign, which starts tomorrow. Macclesfield, the defending champions, are

able to complete ground improvements prior to the deadlines imposed by the Football League. Woking were run-

ing, the FA Trophy holders, as Macclesfield failed to gain pro-5-2 favourites to be top of the motion because they were un-It had seemed likely that the

Surrey club would have to move to a new ground to progress upwards. Now, though, Woking second favourites at 3-1, while Kidderminster, the 1993/94 winners, are third in the list at 5-1.

ners-up last season but, if they had won the Conference, they too would have stayed down due

Borough Council – which has signed a £30,000 sponsorship deal with the club – believes that

Both Kidderminster and to ground problems. That Kingfield stadium can be turned into a 10,000-plus capacity ground. If a planning hearing goes the club's way next mouth the Council is willing to fund a £1.35m redevelopment of the ground which should be complete by the Football League deadline of 31 December. For Woking, the future looks bright. I good measure his 15-year-old

reports from Hickstead John Whitaker looked in a different class to the opposition when he scored a double during yesterday's opening day of the Silk Cut Derby meeting. For

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Young Riders' 21-and-under class on Everest Gammon, who will be one of John's two mounts in the Derby on Sunday.

The first of John Whitaker's two victories was achieved on Everest Welham, who jumped two clear rounds for the winning British team in the Nations Cup here in May. Keeley

daughter, Louise, won the Durham's 15-year-old horse did not need to hurry unduly to finish 2.28sec ahead of Mennell

Watson on Uptons LB. Whitaker completed his dou-ble on Roddy's Revenge in the Silk Cut Challenge, which he won by a convincing margin of 5.17sec from Ireland's Keith Doyle on Washington Park. Results, Sporting Digest, page 25:

#### PICK OF THE DAY

THIS WEEKEND / Watersking European Barefoot Masters Thurrock

The 20-acre Alexandra Lake at the Lakeside. Thurrock, is no stranger in which competitors have to perform without skis at high speeds in order to stay afloat, making the three disciplines of statom, tricks end jumping all the more spec-tacular. The European Barefoot Masters is an invitation event and includes the Belgian Bart Silegehan, who broke the world jump record recently, though the distance of 29.3m has yet to be ratified. The Briton Richard Mainwanne will attempt to further that jump at Lakeside, known for its record-breaking feats. Another feat under threat is the women's European jump record which Britain's Kim Harding is eyeing. while Lucy Scopes, 14, from Romford, who won the European junior championship title last weekend will be a force in the tricks and slalom events. Here to get there: Lohested Shopping Cen-tre, Thuroda, Essoa, is signosted from junc-tions 30 and 31 of M25 or by direct access on A13, A1306 and West Thurode Way. Ad-mission: free. Speciating is free. Competi-tion: tombrook: Sam signom, 10.15am rocks, 12.0 gamping, semi-finish from 2.30. Sunday: finals: 11.30am sigtom, 1.0pm tricks, 2.30 jumping, 3.45 presentation.

This weekend

is 16 miles west of Newcastle and seven miles south of Cocantige, off A68. (Tel: 01434 673350).

POCL: Embass, World 8-Ball Chempenships PLOG Embassy word 8-bail charicserisings (Charley). The bournarient continues today with the men's menutisat semi-finals at 10am and 1pm (cokets £2), with the final at 8pm £41; the emmer's putantial final is at 4pm £23). The team championship final is territoriow at 10am £21. Park Hall Hotel, Park Hall Road, Champot Richard, near Charley, Lancoshre, (Tel: 01257 452090).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL: FA Carling Premiership, Endsleigh Insurance League and Scottish Coto-Cola Cup Second round programmes, CRCKET: Tettey Bitter Challenge (first day of three, including Sunday play; 11.0); Essex v West Indies (Chelmstord).

RACING (Flat meetings in capitals); CHESTER Courny Enclosure £15; Tatlersals £1: Dee Stand £4; Course £2, (rist noce 1.55). RIPONE Cab £12; Tatlersals £7; Salver Ring £3; Course £2 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures). (2.10). SAMDOWN; Club £15, Junior Club £16 - 25yra £13; Grandstand and Paddock £12; Silver Ring £3; £2.0). WOLLYERSHAMPTON (All Weather); Members £15; Grandstand £6. (7.0), Markart Rasser: Cub £12; Tatlersals £8 (DAP members of course's Jubilee Club £41; Salver Ring £4 Unblee Club GAPs £21; £55. P. Parth Members £12; Tattersals and Paddock £6 (DAPs £31; Course £2; (2.20).

BOWLS: EEF and ENGF Champtonships (Sleig-

Course £2. (2.20). BOWIS: EBF and EMSF Championships (Skeg-ness). The English Boulang Federation's champ-ionships start in Stagress tomorrow at 2pm with a programme of team events, which in-cludes a new competition this year – the Durham certaintry Culo Championship and a women's four event, the Nathlast Jubiley Vasa. Play continues on Sunday form 9.30cm with a meed triks tournament. From 2pm, the team events include Nathlest Adams competition, the precongrues on Sunday tont 9,30em with a meet miss tournament. From Dyn, the team events statude Notifies Adams compension, the pre-mier men's champoriship, and the Notifiest Donald Steward, the premier women's equi-alent. Speciating is free, Sun Castle Greens, North Prade, Skegress, Unconstrum. EQUESTRIANISM: Pedighee Chum. Scottish Champonship at Trufestane Castle is about the final trial for the British three day event team squad for the Empoan Champonships and the leading indexs, including, Anstria Gifford, William Fox. Plat and Karen Doon are compet-ing, Among the international erray are Bayth lee, Mark Todd, Ian Stark and Marg Ryan. Dres-sign status on Froday, communing from Bein Sas-urday, The open champonship and advanced categories, and on Sunday. Admissions Satur-day; E4 adults, children and parking free; Sun-day; E5, free and free. Trufestane Castle, Louder, Berwelshire is a quantor mile south

of Lauder and signosted from A68 or A697. Ideacht Park Horse Trais (Bury St Edmunds). Dressage starts at Sam tomorrow and Sunday, followed by show jumping and cross-country. Admission: L6 per car, including occupants. Ideacht Park, Horleiger, is on A413, four miles west of Bury St Edmunds, Surfalk, Follow A4 Horse Trails signs from A14.

MOTIOR RACING: Bish Formula Three Champoneths (Outton Park), Qualifying start at Sam, with the first race at L20pm. Admissist: £8 adults, children free. Outton Pork, Linde Budworth, Tarporley, Chestire, Junctions 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire and crout is 18 or 19 of Nels, head for Chestire at 18.00 for Chestire and Chestife Staffe, The 48-conquering Chesty Vines Cross start favourité to win the District and, an open sub competition will be held from 10 am. Speciatory is free, Maendy Stadium, Norm Road, Cardiff, Staffer, Motor Champers of Cardiff, Staffer, Premiership, Assense but Nelstatesters at 18 of Staffer, Assense Level Nelstatesters and Cardiff.

POOTBALL: FA Carling Premiership: Arsenal v Middlesbrough (4.0). Endsleigh Leegue First Dreson; Wolves v WBA (2.55).

JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where for the sporting spectator

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CRECEET: AVA Equity and Law League (2.0). RUGSY LEAGUE: Stones Company Championship programma.
BOWIS: Sanstingen Championships (Worthing). Play starts at 10cm and spectatory is free. Beach House Park, Lyndhurst Roed, Worthing). West Sussen. (Fel: 0.1903 820222).
RRIGHMON: Tungest Day Thorthon (Wolverhampton). This is England's only Innamen delence treation of 2.4 miles swim, 112 mile cycle rate and 25.2 mile swim. Chris Ray defends the title won last year with a trans of 8th Silmen, the Isstest time by a British afficiet. The swim starts at 6.90am in Chasewater reservoir, the cycle ride is around the Shropshire lanes and the marathon finishes in Alderdey Stadium, which is 112 miles northwest of Wolverhampton town certies, approximation A449 Stafford root and from A41 through Estarboil. Next week

(8.0), Tuesday: Uefa Cup Preliminary round second leg: Gotu (Farce) (t) v Reith Rovers (4) (6.30); MyPa Anjalaniosis (Fin) (3) v Moti-ened (1): RAF Reja Lud (2) v Abn Lido (1) (4.30); Silveborg (Den) (2) v Cussdees (3) (6.0); Videau Lock (Pal) (4) v Benger City (0) (4.0); Videau Lock (Pal) (4) v Benger City (0) (4.0); Pale (1) (4.5); Benglist Coce-Cola Cup first round second leg: Blectorol (1) v Busdford (2); Bournemouth (1) v Luton (1) (7.45); Brent-Iord (2) v Weissal (2) (7.45); Bright (0); Cardial Second (2); Bournemouth (1) v Luton (1) (7.45); Brent-Iord (2) v Weissal (2) (7.45); Brent-Iord (2) v Weissal (2) (7.45); Brent-Iord (2) v Weissal (2) (7.45); Brent-Iord (0) (7.45); Burnel (1) v Mersfield (0); Cardial (2) v Portsmouth (0); Cardial (0); Cardial (2) v Portsmouth (0); Cardial (0); Cardial (2) v Portsmouth (0); Cardial (2) v Hud (1) (7.45); Cardial (2) v Fersion (2) (7.45); Morten-Iord (2) v Hud (2) v Hereford (2) (7.45); Morten-Iord (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hereford (2) (7.45); Morten-Iord (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hereford (2) (7.45); Morten-Iord (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hord (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hord (2) v Hud (2) v Hud (2) v Hord (2) v Hud (2) v Hu

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v Leeds (7.30).

RACINGE Monday: BRIGHTON: Cub £12 (accompanied under-18s free); Tathersafe £8; Saver Ring £4 (inc £4 per car). (5.30).

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If ever course and condithis week. The Woburn fairways run on sand don't they.

are of such a texture that they should have a dotted white line down the middle, and this terrain means the Briton's length advantage is not so pronounced. Indeed, she used the driver just three times yesterday, as this course offers much forestry to

capture her occasionally wayward efforts from the tee. There was little wasteful about Liselotte Neumann's 67, which contained seven birdies. The defending champion has been absent with shoulder injuries and may need further treatment for slapping in that area if she continues in this form.

One stroke adrift are Marie cy of the traps on the Duke's Laure de Lorenzi, of France, and the Antipodean pair of Shani Waugh and Marnie McGuire, who was born in Auckland of Scottish parents, A little further back in the chase for the £60,000 first prize, following a 71, is Nancy Lopez, on her first appearance in Britain for 14 years and her first ever in this tournament.

Lopez does not need the money, and neither for that matter does Davies. The winner of over \$1m in prize money last season alone. Davies is becoming so rich she may soon qualify for a grant from Camelot funds.

At least the Coventry-born woman believes in recycling it. The end of her round yesterday was not a cue for bunker practice, rather the analysis of traps of a different kind as she studied the form for the 3.44 at Wimbledon in Ladbrokes' punttions are to conspire against ing wagon. That did not win ei-Davies, the fates have arrived ther, but then greyhounds do



Not out of the wood: Catrin Nilsmark and caddle at Woburn Photograph: Adam Scott

### **Gebrselassie turns attention towards Atlanta**

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Giles makes

Haile Gebrselassie, who took 10,000m, for which he also nearly 11 seconds off the world holds the world record. 5.000 metres record with his run back of 12min 44.39sec in Zurich, is

Germans pay

the penalty

concerned. The Ethiopian is to concentrate on preparing for next year's Olympics, where he may double up in the 5,000 and

until next month's Grand Prix final in Monte Carlo.

Linford Christie, who returned from injury to win the 100m at the Zurich Grand Prix Olympics, does not have in on Wednesday, is waiting to see how his knee and hamstring re-

Christie, who said on season I will run for my club and Wednesday that he would run do the odd meeting on the circuit. I will pick and choose. I some major races next season despite not planning to run the want to have a bit more fun in athletics. It's getting altogethmind a type of farewell tour. er too serious now. "That's not for me," Christie

Raskethali

The England coach, David > ≃ Whitaker, would only admit to being satisfied with his team's progress, following their 3-2 victory over Germany, the Olympic and defending champions, in their opening game in the European Championships here yesterday, writes Bill Col-

will from Dublin. Whitaker has made something of a habit of out-smarting the Germans – on his return to Whitaker has made somethe international scene in Hanover in 1993 he chalked up two victories against them.

by the interval England were ahead, thanks to their penalty corner specialist, Calum Giles. Giles was the real difference

between the sides since the Germans failed to score from their four penalty corner at-tempts. Rob Thompson struck the winner after schoolboy Oliver Domke took advantage of further slackness in England's defence to emplice

ENGLAND: S Mason (Firebrands): P
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The number of bets that the bookmakers William Hill have had placed on Wimbledon to win the Premiership this season. The Dons, whose odds are currently 100-1, are the only team not to have attracted any support.

Baseball Destrictions

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 7 New York
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letas 6, MATHOMAL LEAGUE: Colorado 6 Cincinata 4; Los Angeles 6 Chicago Cutos 1; Flonda 8 Atlanta 5; New York Mets 1 Montreel C; Houston 5 Philadelphia 4; San Diego 2 Patisburgh 0; San Francisco 2 St Louis 1.

WELSH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Liandrindod Wels) Triples quarter-ficalis: Terby (M Brace) by Pererri (C Tockin 18-13; Havelock Park (H Griffiths) bt Ammantord Park (K Peregme) 19-16; Tonypendy (S Wishire) bt Abetriday U Deceyl 22-21; Ely Valley (P Robins) bt Guest Memonal (S Battari) 24-9. Singles ford pracet 1 Terminsmy 18 Represental bt R ionypandy (s. reasonal) or reasonal of Decey 22-21: Ely valley (P. Robins) ix Guest Memonal (6 Battard) 24-9. Singlest first round: J Tombras (1 Genomey) bt R. Fairhunst (Hauerford West) 21-18: I Perry (Lucas SE) bt J Austin (Abeyshwyth) 21-17: A Mathes (Lientrisand) bt P. Tomey (Cyfarthig Pan), 22-17: C. Stevens (Porthaad) bt S. Thomas (Gaug Merthy) 21-20; D Kingdon (Paro-y-Dre, Lanell) bt C Todd (Penarth) 21-7, R. Sicox (Blanel) web 1 Sade (Portymister) scr.; R. Weste (Prestizepe) bt J Power (Abertrotw) 21-8; B Cole (Harlequins) bt G. Tuffin (Bernew) 21-17; Stephens bt Metahias 21-14; Kingdon bt Sicox 21-8; Weste bt Cole 21-3. Unider-25 singles: D Gough (Metahpool bt J Thomas (Tyble) 21-20; N. Jones (Dinas Power) 12-9; G. Cement (Landwy) bt I Williams (Penthrole Dock) 21-11; N. Rees bt W. Hooper (Balana) 21-11; N. Rees bt W. Hooper (Balana) 21-11; G. Symons (Glymonning) bt J Metthews (Neath Town) 21-9; J. 15; G. Watkins (Trysddul) bt G. Eslans (Pencodd) w/ox.

Boxing

Dai Gardiner, the manager of World Boding Organisation featherweight champion, Stave Robinson, has criticised the decision to install Prince Naseem Hamed as the No 1 contender for the Weishman's title. Gardiner saud he was disgusted that Hamed could be

Pat Berrett, the Manchester-based real pariety, the been forced to pull out of a World Boding Union title fight against Gary Murray in Durban on 26 August because of a shoulder

Cycling
TOUR OF GALICIA Fourth stage (Vigo to Orenee) Leading positions: 1 M Ven Hesswik (Neth, Motorda) 4hr 21mm 55sec; 2 Listabert (Fr. Once); 3 G Fidanza (h. Politi); 4 G Faghiri (t, Marcatone); 5 P Mare Petagam (Gel, TVM); 6 J Sentanaria (Sp. Artschi: 7 P Fornacian (t, Mercatone); 8 A Barli (t, Mapel) 9 S Bissol (t, Mercatone); 10 M Fernandez (Sp. Mapel) eli same tunta. Overati: 1 M Induren 65b, Banestol 16hr 15mm 54sec; 2 M Den Balkar (Neth, TVM) + 20c; 3 E Anatis (Sp. Castalidanch) + 420; 4 Fernandez + 4:21; 5 M Manu (Sp. ONCE) 4:26; 6 Van Hesswik 5:23; 7 Jelebert 5:24; 8 D Bolson (tr. Gewise) 5:40; 9 Feynm 5:43; 10 R Gl (Sp. Sezza Clara) 5:46. GU (Sp. Serza Clard) 5:46.
BETTISH SQUAD (World Champiorships, Begots, Colombia, 26 Sept to 8 Oct; Ment Track: J Clay (Leeds), R Hayles (Porsmouth), M Bingworth (Westelf on See, Essed, S Lillistone (Shrewsbury). C Newton (Middlestrough), G Obree (trunc), 8 Steel (Notinghem). S Wellace (Chrandber Fort). Road: S Calend (Oldham), J Hurt (fotnes, Deuon), R Henris (tork), M Suphers (Hemel Hempsteed), W Womens Track: Y McGregor (Bradford), W Berson (Stourondge). Road: M Puns, County, Stourondge). Road: M Puns, (Stourondge). Road: M Puns, (Stourondge).

#### SPORTING DIGEST

Gary Bull, the Nottingham Forest striker, has joined Second Division Brighton on a month's loan. The 29-year-old cousin of Steve Bull, the Wolves torward, has played only 11 first-team games for Forest in the last two secons and snored just one last two seasons and scored just one

SOUTH AMERICAN LIBERTADORES CUP

goal.

SOUTH AMERICAN LIBERTADORES CUP (Wednesday) Semi-final, encond-leg-Germio (Br. 2 Emelec (Ec) O (Germio win 2-0 on aggregate; River Place (Arg.) 1 Atletico Nacional (Co) O (1-1 on Agg. Atletico win 8-7 on penalties, [Frail will be two legs: first lag. 23 Aug. (Porto Alagre); second leg. 30 Aug. (Medellin, Co).

WEDNESDAY'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: Group Other Rays, Astronajan O Stouland 1 (Harculas 60), Leading positiones 1 (Pr. Peal 77); 2 France (7-11); 3 Polyand (7-11); Group Twee Armenia D Denmark 2 (M. Laudrug 34, A. Neisten 47), Leading positiones 1. Spring (7-11); 2 Centre (7-11); 3 Beigtum (7-11); Group Twee Armenia D Denmark 2 (M. Laudrug 34, A. Neisten 47), Leading positiones 1. Switzerland (B-13); 2 Turkey (5-10); 3 Switch (6-13); 4 Switch (6-13); 5 Switch (6-13); 5 Switch (6-13); 5 Switch (6-13); 6 Switc

Prisers O Russes 6 (Pustor SS, 50), Reprin 40, Radchento 43, Kolyanov 67, 691; Sociano 1 (McCost 72) Greece 0.

WEDNESSUAYS OTHER RESULTS: Coca-Cola Cop first round first legt Portsmouth 0 Cardiff 2 (Date 17, Brid 65). Wildshaeon Sword Lengue Cop Second round: Genturan 0 Lindeld 1. Rul National Lengue Cop first meand Section A: Cobh 0 Coh 0; Waterbook 2 (Niterony 0, Section B: Firm Harps 0 Famad 0; Steps 2 Derry 2. Section of: Limento In Arthona 2; Stratte Fradrid 0 Galway 2. Section B: St Portor's 1 UCD 1. Section P: Bray 1 Shelboure 1. Pontins Lengue First Divisions Drivington 1 Monaging 1. Section E: St Pontor's 1 UCD 1. Section P: Bray 1 Shelboure 2. Pontins Lengue First Divisions Drivington Forcer 1 Everton 3: Tarramere 2 Leads 3; WRA O Wolves 3. Second Divisions: Bradford 0 Galwash 3; Sumiley 0 Port Vete 1; Hull 0 Bansiey 3: Marcfield 1 Elackpoor 4: Presson 2 Huddersfield 1; Rotherham 0 Marchester City 0; Sunderland 4 Asson Vita 2: York City 0 Leicester City 3. Anon Insurance Combination First Division: Crystal Palace O West Ham 1; Queen's Park Ranges 2 Beginton 0; Watford 0 Bristol City 1. Hereward United Countiles League Premier Division: Destorough 1 Raunds 3; Northampton Spencer 0 Westin 1; Stamford 6 Bourne 2. United Seases: County League First Division: Stamoo 4 Haistian C; Whitehawk 0 Hassocks 3. Westfordiad Kent League First Division: Derriford 1 Beckenhem 1. Belgien League: Pass 0 Ghent 0; Molembeck 0 Ambien 2 Mechalen 2: Seraing 1 Cito Bruges 1; Cercle Brugss 0 Ghent 0; Molembeck 0 Ambien 0; Lerse 3 Lommel 1; Crustero 3 Beveren 1.

GCECH OPEN (Mariansies Lausse Golf Clob, Cz Rep) First round scortes (GB or Int excess stated): 55 R Rafforty, 66 D Robertson; N Fasth (See): 9 Tortence; P Mitchell: H Clerk, 67 J Gronhagen (See); B Larne; D Clarke; M James; R Burte; S Dodd; P Restation (US). 68 E Canorica (II); D Gilfort; S 154: P Heddom (See): F Lindger (See); A Colle (Sen); R Mariantane; G Ort; J-L Guepy (Fr). 69 N Henning (Sk): M Archer; I Westwood; M A Mariantin (Sp); C Rocca (II); D Carter; P Golding: D Migoric (Carl); D Hospital (Sp); J Hawksonth; S Lura (Sp); J Hawggman; M Larner (See); S Lura (Sp); J Hawggman; M Larner (See); S Lura (Sp); J Hawgsonth; S Lura (Sp); J Hawgsonth; S Lura (Sp); J Hawgsonth; S Lura (Sp); J Hawgson (See); J M Dows; D Rojahn (Mor); R Kattson (See); J Payne; P Way, R Drummond. 70 J Blend (SA); P Launs; D Way, R Drummond. 70 J Blend (SA); P Launs; D ModRistor; J Reven (Sp); A Bossel; S Gend Jirr. R Deus (Aus); P-U Johensson (See); J M Contanes (So); I Pymen: J Janda (Cz Ree); S Marketter (See); D Williams; V Fernandez (Ang; J Robenton; M Michaen; C Careaer (Fr); P Marketter (See); D Williams; V Fernandez (Ang; J Robenton; M Midce, M Meckerner D See Prot.; N Brigsson; P Linda (See); S Rucharloon; G J Birnet, S Bottomloy; P Mincico, J Mellor; P Brogednurs; P Linhari (So). 728 A Soranson (Den); D Westermark (See);

I Gerndo (Spi; A Oldoorr; J Van de Veide (Fri; S Tinning (Den); M Litton; C Cassells; J Townsend (US); C Mason; S Cage; E Darby; P Bales; P Proct. M Farry (Fri; A Briegh; ft).
74 J Lorves; A Sherborne; M Joncon (Swet; R Akorez (Arg); B Syriste (Cz Rep); P Quirci (Swit); M Hanwood (Aus); A Cottary; C O'Connor Inr; P Fowler (Aus); S Grappasonni (th. 75 M Beanoperey (Fr); S Sleazk (Cz Rep); H Thul (Gert; J Auhaniak (Cz Rep); M Gates; J Robson. 76 I Carrophett; M Moutand. 77 S Perobbono (Iti); P McGinley; A Murray; S Watson; A Esner. 78 J Senter (Cz Rep); O Trupi (Cz Rep). 79 J Zawazal (Cz Rep); 80 °R Chudoba (Cz Rep); But (Cz Rep). 80 °R Chudoba (Cz Rep); 81 °N Estona (Cz Rep). 83 °N Peteria (Cz Rep). 84 °P Mruzek (Cz Rep). Rtd R Muntz (Neth), L White.

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\*WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN (Wobern) First round (BB or int unless statisd): 67 L Neumann (Swel, 68) P Harmel, 70 S Prosser; C Pierce; A Gottmo (Swel, 71 N Lopez (US); E Neim (US); 2 B Burton (US); J Geddes (US).

73 K Peterson-Parker (US); P Meumler (Pr); L Rair Sulls), 74 L Hackney, 75 T Johnson; J Soutisty, 76 D Red; S Cellongesie (Pr); L Rair clough, 77 S Moon (US); H Iroue (Japan); C Marmark (Swel); K Marshal, 78 E Kruth (Sp); H Alfredsson (Swel); H Waddworth; J Carlar (Aus); L Martz, Adions (Sal, 79 T Athtol (Sp); A Anus (Sp), 80 K Leachetter (US); K Espirasse (Pr), 81 L Sugg 87 \*H Fukushima (Japan), "denotes annacum"

US TEAM (Walker Cup, Royal Porthoans, 9-10 Septembert: N Begay (Albuquerque, New Mesco), A Bratton (College Station, Teast, ) Hems (Edina, Minnesorial, I Jackson (Germaniswir, Benessee), Two Woods (Dymess, Caldornal, Neo-playlag captain: D Gray (Pensacola, Flonda), (5 others to be amounteed).

FLIROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Dublis): Pool

Rugby League
Rowland Phillips, the Weish forward, has made a £40,000 move to Workington after starting only 27 matches in five years at Warrington. Bob Beal OBE, a founder member of the British Amateur Rugby League Association, has clied, aged 70, after

a long litness.

BARLA TEAM (v South African Rhimos, Second Teat, Johannesburg, 19 August): Hill (Hensingtam), George (Hagheld), Roomey (Wath Brow), Wilson (Walney Central), McAllaster (Burow Island), Quanniby (Woolston), Todd (Hensingtam), Grabby (Legn Mires), Devin (Walney Central), Broadbert (Walney Central), Autory (Woolston) (capt), Substitutes, Jones (Migan St. Judes), Persiey (Rells), Lister (Eastmoor), O'Brien (Midom).

Wales have been drawn in the same group as the Natherlands and Uruguay in the International Taipei Sevens tournament to be played in Taiwan on 14-15 October.

SHOOLGEY
THAI CLASSIC (Norbreck Coetle Hotel, Bincippon) South round: D Dale bt T Pichit 5-1; J Burnett fit D Rippon 5-4; M Barrow ht S Herrods 5-1; Y Monchart ht Cherrison 5-4; M Husnu ht M Rowing 5-4; J Read ht J Buckingham 5-1; K Broughton ht R Berty 5-3; C Monton ht S Becthyr 5-2; J Delaney ht J Chembers 5-1; J Ladrier ht P Camey 5-3; I McCufoch bt J Michie 5-5; I Graham ht S Daggan 5-3; M Courch ht A Hannah 5-2; A Borg ht N Noppachom 5-2; S Rayfor ht R Mull 5-1; B West bt P Wales 5-3; C Scanion ht M Dunn 5-3; T Finstad ht M Campbel 5-4; S Story ht 6 Susannasing 5-2; A Caims ht G Lees 5-1; M Wilson bt I Sargant 5-0; J Perry ht B Pinches 5-2. Snooker

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Vienne) EIROPEAN CHAMPROPERIES (MESONE)
Women's Sus syninghourd, prefinings; 2.0:
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(Beisnus) 277.77; 3.V llying (Rus) 269.40;
4.Y Pakhaha (Rus) 268.37; 5.5 Knger
(Ger) 254.58; 6.1 Cruz (So) 252.15; 7.F
D'Onano (d) 248.46; 8.1 Pissareva (Ukr)

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Monday's international against crowd and saying goodbye. Next ticipation at Gateshead. greedy," said his manager, Jos act before committing himself to said. "My pride won't allow me American Mark Crear in 238.20; 9 A Sorokma (Ukr) 234.75; 10 E Demedouch (Bela) 227.43; 11 A Lindberg

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HEN'S ATP CHALLENGER (The Bronk, New

MACCIGAT (US) OF J SEALON (MOST 6-4 0-2.

IZA SIMMER SATELLTE MEN'S TOURNA-MENT (Worthing) Singles quartar-franke ( Miligan (GB) bt A Richardson (GB) 6-1 6-4; Miligan (GB) bt A Hant (N/2) 6-4 6-2; N Wes-green (Br) bt J Erich (Br) 6-1 7-5; C Hag-gard (SA) bt A Foster (GB) 7-5 7-5.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FAI NATIONAL LEARNE CUP First round Section A: Cark City v Killerny (7.45); Visiteriord Cook Rambiers (7.45), Section D: Drognets Monagine (7.45); Dundaik v Longing (8.30) Section P: Shelbourne v Bohemans (7.45).

PREMIER LEASURE: Arens Essex v Woker-hampton (8.0); Edmburgh v Sheffield (7.15); Os-tord v King's Lyon (7.45). SPEEDWAY STOR (NOCH-OUT CUP Secol-final final log: Bede Yue v Cradley Heath (7.30).

Football

Rugby League

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Speedway

Selected singles second round: August (GB) bt J Sekulov (August 6-4 6-2.

238.20; 9 A Sorolora (Mr) 234.75; 10 E Demedonach (Bela) 227.43; 11 A Lndberg (Swe) 222.42; 12 O Dru (Rom) 219.78; 13 O Prater (Hun) 213.87; 14 V Sternner (188) 207.30; 15 A Absolonova (Cz Rep) 205.89; 18 A Richter (Aut) 203.94; 17 C Mahee-Anolat (Swif) 198.51; 18 O Arboles-Souchon (Fr) 196.25. Other 68; 22 J Struth 185.28; Semi-final (top 12 quality for today's final); 1 Bockner 502.38; 2 kyna 497.16; 3 Palvalana 479.40; 4 Alexeeva 475.44; 5 Kruger 450.24; 6 Cruz 435.17; 7 Passarba 441.90; 8 Sorolona 438.15; 9 Lndberg 422.73; 10 Prater 403.86; 11 Stenning 396.09; 12 Dnu 392.97; Solo synchronised swimming son, Andre van Troost.

land at Trent Bridge, made sure also made 68. **Britannic Assurance County Championship** 

(First day of four, 11.0 today) **Durham v Somerset** Durham V Somerset
(Somerset wan toss)

CMESTER-LE-STREET: Durham (Apia elght first-innings wickets standing 1999 runs behind Somerset (2)).

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403.86; 11 Sterring 395.09; 12 Dru 392.97. Solo synchronised swimming (35 per cent of points count towards final classification); 1.0 Sedatora (Ros) 97.840pts; 2 M Aeschbacher (Fr) 95.720. 3 P Celt (n) 93.580; 4 C Thalessandou (Gr) 93.160; 5 O Planchcuk (Ukr) 91.950; 6 I. Vatel (GB) 91.860. Resent 1 Russis 98.640; 2 France 96.280; 3 Italy 93.520; 4 Britain 91.680; 5 Spari 90.280; 6 Ukrame 90.840; 7 Swizerland 90.720; 8 Holiand 88.680; 9 Germany 88.640; 10 Czech Republic 87.800; 11 Sweden 82.600; 12 Belorus 80.440. I D Kerr c Larlons b P Mushtaq Alvined t Scott b Prabhak A R Caddick c Roseberry b Killeen A P van Troost not out Extras (b2, b21, w3, nb2)

Tennis
CANADIAN WOMEN'S OPEN (Exronto) Second round: A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) in P HyBoulas: (Can) 6-4 6-3; I Novotna (Cc: Rep) in
A Dechaume-Balteret (Pr) 6-3 6-2; G Sobatru (Arg) br. L Ghrant-Rubbi (Pr) 6-1 6-2; I
Majobi (Cras) br. P Fendick (US) 6-2 6-3; A
Frazer (US) br. R Dragomir (Rom) 6-3 6-1; H
Sudous (Cc: Rep) br. Negatsulia (Japan) 06-0-0 6-4; M Hings: (Swit) br. Flabet (Arg)
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(Japan) 6-1 6-0; A Huber (Ger) br. I Sprites
(Rom) 1-6 6-3 7-5.
AIP CHAMPIONSHIP (Indianapolis) Second
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6-2; Karbother (Ger) br. J Bunkman (Swe) 6-1
6-1-6-1; J Apel (Swe) br. T Herman (GP) 6-1
6-1-6-1 

Fall: 1-0, 2-25.
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Weston, 1C W Scott, S J E Brown, N Kileen,
J R Lawrence.
Bowling: Caddich 5-1-14-2; Rose 3-2-4-0;
Van Brost 2-0-13-0,
Umpirees J D Bond and D J Constant. 2: C Caram fity in M Woodforce (Aust 6-4 rtd. WOLVO TOURNAMENT (New Harves; Connecticut) Second round: A Agass (US) at F Meligen (Br) 6-4 7-5; B Becker (Ser) bt R Geber (Fr) 6-4 6-4; K Carten (Den) at M Chang (US) 7-5 6-4; A Chang (Can) bt M Soch (Gr Rp) 6-3 4-6 7-6; P Heartus (Nett) bt B Book (Ca Rp) 6-3 4-6 7-6; P Heartus (Nett) bt B Book (Car Rp) 6-3 4-6 7-6; P Heartus (Nett) bt B Book (Car Rp) 6-3 4-6 7-6; P Heartus (Nett) bt B Book (Car Rp) 6-4 5-6-4; M Render (Swe) bt J Stements (Nett) 6-2 6-4; M Render (Swe) bt J Stements (Nett) 6-6 4-6; M Ros (Chiel) bt D Musa (It) 6-2 6-4; P Rofter (Aus) bt S Campbell (US) 6-6-2; P McErmer (US) bt P Welsen (Nett) 6-1 6-3; W Black (Zm) 1 C Wilkinson (GB) 6-4 4-6 6-3. Third round: S Brughers (Sp) bt W Block (Zm) 2-6-3 7-5; R Krajack (Neth) bt Heartus 4-6 6-4 7-5; A Chang (Can) bt A Soetsch (Fr) 7-5 6-2.

Gloucestershire v Derbyshire J Adams c Sheeraz b Ball .....

D G Cock not cut 17
Extras (bi0, 85, w2, b88) 236
Exta (for 4, 114 overs) 336
Exts 1-106, 2-213, 3-287, 4-306.
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Bowling: Synanti 19-4-74-0; Sheeraz 11-4-56-1; Pike 41-13-94-0; Allevne 15-4-50-2; Ball 23-10-35-1; Symonds 5-3-12-0.

5-5-12-0.
GLOUCESTERSHIPE: A J Wingle, M G N Windows, T H C Nancock, M A Lynch, M W Allene, A Symords, \*\*TR C Russel, M G J Bal, J Synaft, K P Sheerz, V J Pike, Umpires: A A Jones and B J Meyer. Lancashire v Yorkshire (Yorishire won toss)
OLD TRAFFORD: Ybrishire (4pts) have scored 393 for 6 against Lancashire (2).

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M P Vaugum c and b Chappie 
D Byas st Hegg b Wassem 
M G Bevan c Hegg b Wassenson 
C White c Hegg b Wassenson 
A A Metcatte not out 
H I Blabe b Wassenson tR J Blakey b Watkinson ..... G M Hamilton not out G M Hamilton not out \_\_\_\_\_\_23 Extras (b8, b1.7, w1, nb25) \_\_\_\_\_52 Total (6, 110 overs) \_\_\_\_\_593 Fells 1-67, 2-129, 3-239, 4-303, 5-308,

bate C E W Silvenwood, M A Robinson, R No Sainty D. Stamp.

Bowling: Wasim Akram 20-0-73-1; Cheople 22-4-65-1; Austin 17-3-80-0; Wardenson 27-7-93-3; Keedy 20-7-60-1; Gathan 4-0-17-0.

4-0-17-0.

LANCASHIRE: J E R Gellien, S P Titchard, J P Cramfey, M A Atherton, N J Speak, M Waderston, Washin Alvam, 1W K Hegg, I D Austin, G Keedy, G Chappie, Umpirest J C Balderstone and V A Holder, SHOOKER: Grand Pro quaklying (Rincippol).

### **Cautious Tyson** takes command

There was a great deal of consternation here some years ago when it was announced that Muhammad Ali would not be holding his customary pre-fight

Displaying symptoms of shellshock, sports writers went around muttering their despair, and eventually a protest was delivered to the great one's quarters. "Sorry, felias," Ali's trainer, Angelo Dundee, piped, but my guy

won't budge. He's not talking." News that Ali was about to break his silence caused a stampede. "Now you know what it's like without me," he smiled. Mike Tyson is employing a similar policy but in contrast to

Ali there is no mischief involved. The reason for Tison's reluctance to make public utterances, other than in meeting obligations to television, appears to be para-noia. It would explain why no outsider apart from Marc Ratner, of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, has been permitted to observe him in sparring.

At the only press conference Tyson agreed to attend prior to a comeback against Peter Mc-Neeley at the MGM Grand

**Ken Jones** reports from Las Vegas on the former champion's new public image

here, he spoke bitterly about some of the things written since his release from prison. "There are assassins in the world," he said, adding mysteriously, "penple who hide behind buses when you jump out into the snow. Then there are character killers."

implications drawn from a renewal of his relationship with Don King. Turning on a writer who has been harshly consistent in this, he said: "The best thing you'll ever know is me talking

The connection with King has clearly been modified. "I don't want you giving away my busi-ness," he snapped when the promoter announced Tyson receiving a purse of \$25m with \$500,000 in training expenses. Turning on King again, Tyson in-structed him not to interrupt. It was considered significant when King complied meckly with this

From things Tyson said later when interviewed on television.

King is no longer in a position

to influence him. "Sometimes

Don is like a kid, sometimes like a father," Tyson said. "He's the best promoter in the world and I leve him, but it's a partnership. If Tyson is a changed man, it will be clear tomorrow that he Tyson seems most troubled by is technically the same boxer. The style will be that which once spread terror throughout the heavyweight division. "I can't

> will knock out McNeeley. When? Wait and see. I never did make predictions. As for remorse, he does not feel any. "I got myself into a bad situation," he said revealingly. It sounded almost like a confussion. I black out the bad things that bother me. You've got to write your own book and the main ob-

fight any other way," he said. "I

icetive new is money." Claiming to have a different outlook on life. Tyson added: "I know how hard it is to accomplish anything," It was the most encouraging thing McNeeley had heard all week.

The West Indies captain,

Richie Richardson, was also

among the runs with 83, the

wicketkeeper Couriney Browne

was unbeaten with 74, while

West Indies began the second day at 135 for 1 in reply to the

Hampshire first-innings total of

192 but that was soon a distant

memory as the tourists' batsmen

gorged themselves on a perfect

hatting strip and a fast outfield.

score on the tour with a six and

30 fours, but it was Hooper who

dominated the day's play. He hit

10 sixes - including one which

passed through the bedroom

Campbell recorded his best

Keith Arthurton scored 59.

### Hooper conducts the mayhem

as the West Indies massacred a

feeble Hampshire attack in the

sunshine at Southampton yes-

terday. Hooper, who missed

the last Test through injury, made 195 and Campbell hit 172

as the West Indies amassed a

Cricket

Hampshire 192 West Indies 696-6

Carl Hooper and Sherwin

Campbell each scored centuries colossal 696 for 6.

Caddick calms Somerset

Andrew Caddick, playing only his name receives full considhis fourth Championship game eration for the final Test with his of the season because of sore sixth Championship century of the season. He came in with his shins, made a career-best 61 as Somerset recovered from 114 side at 22 for 2 against Worcestershire and compiled an exfor 5 to reach 333 at Chesterle-Street. He then took both cellent 108 with 18 fours off 151 wickets as Durham closed on 34

for two. The pitch at the Riverside Ground again offered steep bounce in the morning, but Durham's depleted attack was unable to turn the screw as Graham Rose (48) and Rob Turner (65) led the fightback

Caddick, whose previous best was an unbeaten 58 against Sussex last year, scored his runs off 87 balls with seven fours and one six, and shared a last wicket stand of 62 with the other Somerset fast howler who has been absent for most of the sea-

Alan Wells, left out by Eng- Adams for the second. Adams

good measure. Adrian Rollins batted all day with a sixth-wicket stand of 80. matches ago.

for 129 as Derbyshire made 336 Bristol, It was his second Championship hundred, beating his triot, Cardigan Connor. 118 against Glamorgan two shared two 100-plus stands. Kim Barnett's 68 took him to

exactly 1,000 runs for the season as he put on 106 for the first wicket and 107 with Chris

balls. Keith Greenfield fell to window of a house in adjoining Phil Newport, who finished with Northlands Road - and 20 5 for 66, one short of a century fours. He was out attempting his having hit the same number of 11th six, caught at the wicket by fours as his captain and a six for Adrian Aymes off a skier.

total made against Hampshire.

#### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Middlesex v Kent (Middlesex won loss) LORD'S: Nicklesex (4ptx) have see for 5 against Kest (2).

J C Pooley run out M R Ramprakash c Futton b McCague M R Ramprakash c Fution b McCague ... 8
"M W Gatting low b McCague ... 136
J D Carr bis b Heedley ... 39
"K R Brown not out ... 36
D J Nash not out ... 29
Edwas (bS, w3, nb10) ... 18
Total (for E, 111 evers) ... 362
Falk 1-7, 2-26, 3-215, 4-288, 5-298.
To batt J E Emburgy, R L Johnson, A R C Raser, P C R Tuhret,
Bowlingt McCastan 21-4-55-2: Headley

13-2-39-0. P Fulton, N J Llong, P A de Silva, G R Condrey, M A Eatharn, \*1S A Marsh, M M Patel, M J McCague S Hezzberg, D W Headley, C Unpires: T E Jesty and R Julian.

Notts v Warwickshire (Notinghamshire won toss)
TREDIT BREDGE: Warwickshire (4pts), with
sight first-innings wickets stending, are
27 runs behind Nottinghamshire (0).

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RT Robinson Bw b Donald 6
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P Johnson c Knight b Manton 44
C Barston c Piper b Giles 5
CL Caims Bw b Numbon 52
W M Noon b Munton 55
U Atzael c Piper b Munton 11
JE Hindson b Donald 10
RA Pick c Ostler b Reeve 9
DB Perniest not out 0
Estras (0.2, b.5, no.2) 9
Total (88.3 overs) 158
Falt 1-8, 2-17, 3-25, 4-44, 5-128, 6-133, 7-142, 8-151, 9-166.
Beviling\* Donald 17-4-52-3; Munton

Bowling: Densid 17-4-52-3; Munton 23-10-37-5; Giles 16-3-52-1; Reeve 8.3-5-9-1; Twose 4-2-9-0. WARWICKSHIRE - First lonings N V Knight b Pick

Nurtion, Bowling: Pick 13-5-30-1; Caims 9-2-33-0; Permett 7-2-22-0; Hindson 9-2-33-1; Atzael 3-0-17-0. Umpkres: G | Burgess and P Willey. Sussex v Worcestershire

(Susper won toss) EASTBOURNE: Worcestershire (4pts) with all first-lexings wickets standing, an 272 runs behind Sussex (3). 

Total (90 overs) 326
Fatt 1-22, 2-22, 3-133, 4-214, 5-280, 6-290, 7-308, 8-318, 9-318, 8-318, 9-318, 8-318, 9-318, 8-318,

Richardson overcame a slow start to hit four of the 15 sixes struck during the day's play befor 4 off Gloucestershire at fore he was spectacularly held on the boundary by his compa-

Four Hampshire bowlers conceded more than 100 runs, with He hit 19 boundaries and he only Martin Thursfield coming out with some pride intact with figures of 3 for 108. The West Indies' total was the highest by any team in first-class cricket this summer, and they need only another 46 to compile the highest

WORCESTERSHIRE - First Ignines Cuttis not out

MIDDLESEX - First Incings P N Weekes Ibw b Headley ...... **Tetley Bitter Challenge** 

(Hamoshire won toss) Bowling: McCagus 21-4-55-2; Headley 20-5-74-2; Eakham 16-2-50-0; Patel 25-7-81-0; Headley 16-3-51-0; De Silva 13-2-35-0. SOUTHAMPTON: West Indies, with four first innings wickets standing, are 504 runs should of Hampshire. HAMPSHIRE - First lonings 192 (A C Cur-mus 5-60).

(Overnight: 135 for 1) Campbell c Laney b Thursfield T Arthurton c Aymes b Connor Hooper c Aymes b James ..... S Chanderpaul c Keech b Thursfield Browne not out .... 

Hampshire v West Indies

Tour match (First day of four; 11.0 today) TCCR XI v Young Australia

(TCCS XI won toss)

EDGRASTON: Young Australia, with four first-innings wickets standing, are 33 runs behind the TCCS XI. TCCB XI - First Inninte TCCB XI - First enurge
H Morrs not out ...
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M P Mayrard c Law b Young ...
A J Hollosie c Glichnst b Young ...
D I Capel c Glichnst b Kesprowicz ...
D J Capel c Glichnst b Kesprowicz ...
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Bowling: Angel 10-2-31-0; Kasprosec 20-3-63-2; Harrry 9-4-16-0; Young 10-4-23-3; Mcmyre 18-2-8-38-5.

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To but: M S Kasprowicz, P E McImyte, M A Henty.
Bowling: Mullelly 8-1-26-0; Shernyar 4-0-24-0; Capel 7-1-28-3; Groft 10-2-29-2; Pierson 6-0-37-1.
Umplres: B Leathester and R A White.
BAIN HOGG TROPHY Semi-final: Worksope Goucestershire 267 for 8 (G D Hodgson 65, C Mingriley 59); Notangharishire 194 (S Nufgrove 53), Gloucestershire win by 73 runs.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Lancashire made to toil Middlesex pile up the runs Warwickshire in command

# Yorkshire set out to defy the Red Rose

MARTIN JOHNSON reports from Old Trafford Yorkshire 393-6 Lancashire

Artificial motivational devices are rarely required for matchif Yorkshire are in the market for a mischievous response to the fact that Lancashire occasionally play old Winston Churchill speeches to themselves, they could do worse than offer their oldest rivals a few crackly recordings of Ramsay MacDonald.

It would be one way of reminding Lancashire of the in-cumbent Prime Minister the last time they won the Champion-ship outright, in 1934, although Lancashire's prospects of ending that 61-year odyssey were not hugely enhanced by yesterday's events.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TOP FOUR

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ston's 1940 guide to what to do on beaches did not so much involve fighting, as lowering the

his left in the gully. Worse was to follow for Kent when Gatting,

who was 14, square cut McCague

and was badly put down by Min Patel to his left at cover.

in earnest. All the bowlers, seam

block the stroke nor did he or

anyone else appear to instruct his bowlers to redirect their attack.

There were other strokes, of

course, as Pooley pulled Mark

Ealham for six and Gatting be-

gan to use his feet to drive the

spinners through the covers

and back over their heads. They

added 189 for the third wicket.

run out when 74 and again at 83

and he was dropped at short ex-

tra cover when 85. The run out

eventually came when Gatting,

who was 97, square cut Steven

Herzberg to within a yard of the

boundary, and Pooley's excellent

John Carr batted pleasantly

for a time before being lbw play-

ing across Headley and Gatting,

after hitting one six and 18 fours was lbw half forward to

McCague. Keith Brown and

out five short of his century.

Gatting should have been

The square cutting now began

### **Gatting cuts** into Kent

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Lord's Middlesex 362-5 v Kent

It was the day of the square cut in St John's Wood. For some and spin alike, were guilty of giv-ing Gatting and Pooley the chance to indulge this stroke. Steve Marsh, captaining Kent, made no apparent effort to reason Kent's bowlers were certain that if they bowled short and outside the off stump, they would reap dividends. They did, and all were paid into Middlesex accounts, especially that of Mike Gatting, who made 136. Gatting these days comes as

near as any batsman can to living by the square cut alone. An extraordinary percentage of his runs come in the 45 degree arc between third man and point.

Kent made a good start on a pitch which looked full of runs when Dean Headley, back on his old stamping ground, and Martin McCague removed Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash for only 26 runs. After that Kent did not help themselves, not least when Headley, after bowling 21 overs, was forcibly removed from the attack for the rest of the innings by umpire Trevor Jesty for repeatedly following through down the mid-

dle of the pitch. Early on Jason Pooley had square cut Headley and Graham Cowdrey had dropped an awk- Dion Nash then took Middleward chance two handed high to sex past 350.

For most of the day, Lan-cashire played as though Win-

ession that the previous 238 have all ended (on the "give the buggers nowt" principle) in a draw. The pitch was perfect for four-day cricket - largely em-bracing the batsmen, but with something in it for bowlers with a bit of skill and sweat.

Yorkshire arrived here on the back of two consecutive defeats which have more or less ended their season, but there is no consolation prize they would like better than having a hand in the Red Rose suffering an attack of

There were also individual considerations, such as David Byss attempting to persuade the watching Raymond Illingworth (not that Illy needs much nudg-ing when a Yorkie is involved) that he is worth a place in the final Test match next week.

and hailing a passing ice cream vendor. In fairness, though,

this was a blinding toss for

Yorkshire to have won, and their

first-day total of 393 for 6 was

not quite as imposing as it threatened to be at 303 for 3.

This is the 239th Roses match

and, with one side batting all

day, it did little to erase the im-

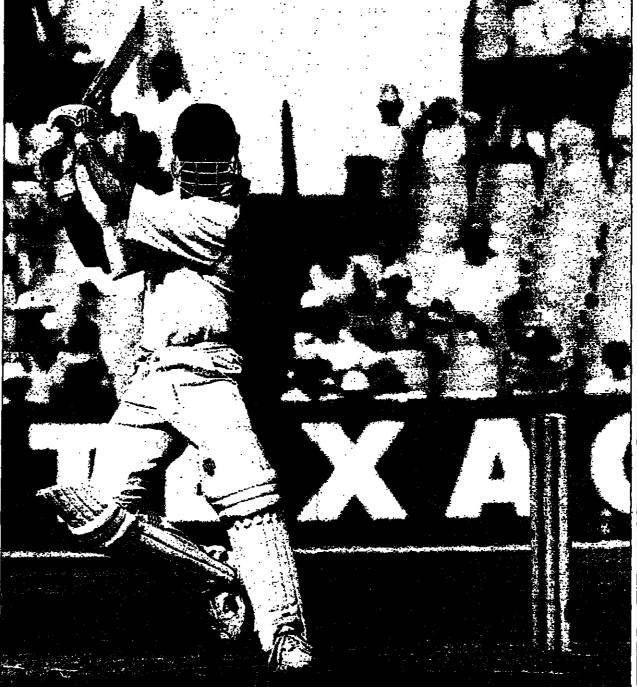
Byas, the country's leading run-scorer, ostensibly made a case for himself with an innings of 76, but it was in no way fluent, and on the rare occasions Wasin Akram got it up around throat height, the left-hander was pretty unconvincing.
Ashley Metcalfe's days of be-

ing touted as an England possible (Illy's son-in-law or not) have long gone, although his un-beaten half-century restored the balance of power back to

The opening wicket provided a collectors' item in that Glen Chapple's return catch off Michael Vaughan was the first instance of a Lancashire-born Yorkshireman being dismissed by a Yorkshire-born Lancastribe more of a freak were it not for the fact that for 124 years, interlopers such as Vaughan and Michael Bevan were not allowed to play for Yorkshire.

Bevan made 95 off 139 balls until Mike Watkinson took 3 for innings ended when he was run 17 in five overs, including Bevan's wicket with one of several balls which turned sharply. No profligate use of the hosepipe here. The pitch is as dry as a ship's biscuit, and Richard Stemp will have his chance to impress on it today.

More reports, scoreboard, page 25



Yorkshire's Michael Bevan cuts loose in the Roses match at Old Trafford yesterday

### Munton makes the difference

MIKE CAREY

reports from Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire 166 Warwickshire 139-2

Warwickshire found both the Trent Bridge pitch and Nottinghamshire's batting somewhat variable in quality yesterday, and it did their Championship prospects no harm at all. The unwavering accuracy of Tim forward. Apparently Ron Allprospects no harm at all. The Miniton served them best and his 5 for 37 took his haul of wickets to 38 in nine games since he returned after a back operation.

While the ball was new and the pitch had a greenish tinge, Allan Donald's pace nipped out both openers but it was Munton who took the important

wickets of Paul Johnson and Chris Cairns in successive overs and his figures for his final spell said it all for him: 11-5-16-4. Unsurprisingly, Johnson and Cairns were the only home batsmen able to put bat to ball with any positive intent on a

pitch which may turn out to have more of a past than a future. Its dry and cracked surface produced a lowish bounce which sopp, the groundsman, was so concerned about being unable to prepare this pitch properly be-cause of the fifth Test, which finished only on Monday, that he

thought long and hard about even using the five-day old Test pitch for this game. In these conditions Munton.

soon fourth out, cutting at Ashley Giles's quicker ball, but Johnson and Cairns eventually not only located the middle of the bat but used it with great vigour to add 84 in 21 overs.

Such a forthright approach deserved a rather more fortunate ending than Johnson experienced. Shaping to drive Munton,

there was no problem. But it

hasn't healed sufficiently to be

"I don't know when I will be

able to say it is 100 per cent.

able to play for Surrey. It prob-

the stumps, pins batsmen down

by offering them no room at all.

His first victim was Graeme

Archer, though this was an

everyday story of lack of foot-

ing half forward, which left

This was the seventh succes-

work as he was leg-before play

Nottinghamshire at 25 for 3.

sive time that Dermot Reeve had

lost the toss. It hardly seemed to

matter when Colin Banton was

same time and was caught at slip. Munton then nipped one back to remove Cairns and nothing much happened to bother Warwickshire after that.

operating as ever from close to he hit ball and ground at the

Even so, they must have ex-pected to have to graft hard for their runs, especially when Nick Knight was undone by Andy Pick's change of pace. But the combination of left and righthand batsmen seemed to un-settle Nottinghamshire's bowlers (and some of their fielding for that matter). Dominic Ostler's 47 included 10 fours and a six extracted from variations in line and length and, along with Wasim Khan's accomplished half-century, left Warwickshire more healthily placed than they probably dared hope.

### Andrew fear over lack of sponsor

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Rob Andrew last night expressed concern over the protracted negotiations between the England players and the Rughy Football Union. The talks are aimed at trebling the England players earnings for promotional work with the help of a new, as yet un-

with the neip of a new, as yet unnamed, shirt sponsor.
Pressure of work has forced
Andrew off the players' negotiating team and his place has now
been taken by the England captain, Will Carling, as they step
an effective to take the players' up attempts to take the players earnings from last year's £16,000 to what is expected to be a sum in excess of £50,000.

But Andrew said: "All of these figures are coming out of the ether. It's not money that the RFU are giving, it's all new money, which they are trying to sort out with a new shirt sponsor. Nothing's been signed. They are clearly talking to one or two people but a deal of that magnitude still has to be signed.

Andrew was angered at suggestions that he resigned berd cause he had lost credibility with the rest of the squad after apparently having unofficial talks with WRC representatives. "It is purely work commitments that have prompted my resignation," he said yesterday.

He is concerned about the imsince the Kerry Packer-backed World Rugby Corporation looks to have abandoned hope of setting up a professional series.
The southern hemisphere

players have done extremely well out of it all, as we always knew they would. Now it's down to the they would. Now it's down to the northern hemisphere unions to ensure that their players are not disadvantaged. We will be playing South Africa, who will be professional by then, in a matter of weeks, and Wales play them next month," he said.

Uncertainty still surrounds
Jonah Lomu's destmy. The 20-

year-old All Black wing is being chased by two rugby league clubs, Leeds and Sydney Bulldogs of Australia, both of whom have offered substantially more than the £100,000 per year the New Zealand Rugby Football Union has offered All Blacks. Lomu's agent, Debbie Tawse, has not said what offer from the NZRFU would satisfy her client.

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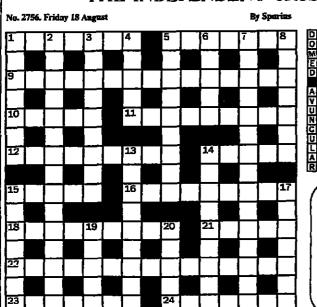
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One man who is happy with the NZRFU offer is the All Blacks captain, Sean Fitzpatrick. who has signed up with his... union, like his team-mates Jeff Wilson and Josh Kronfeld, Fitzpatrick said he expected most of the All Blacks to follow suit. Ian Jones, Frank Bunce, Robin Brooke and Norm Hewitt were last night all said to be on the point of doing so.

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS Faster! (7)

Road-making material nearly all buried in explosion(7) What you've so far done

twice in a French car? 10 Man possibly stationed by a gangway (5) 11 Chooses quiet time to

smuggle in smokers' requi-sites (4-5) 12 Treaty of Rome (9) 12 Treaty of Rome (9)
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US agents put up (7)
2 Dummy with no attempt to deceive? (5, 2, 3, 5)

15 Hoped to change sacerdotal vestment (5) 16 Losing head, Nanny tries in vain to be domineering (9) 18 Products of technology af-

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13 How one might describe eye? Brown, perhaps (9) Case for introducing abbreviated name, thanks to neologist (9)

15 Being given a blessing to some extent is empower-17 Oriental flower planted in very small space (7) 19 German doctor quick to embrace underworld's

20 Tennis games leading to altercation (3-2)

leader(5)

### Stewart ruled out for The Oval

Alec Stewart, the England vice-captain, has ruled himself out of the sixth Cornhill Test against the West Indies at The Oval, starting next Thursday.

Stewart's right index finger, broken twice last winter and again in the third Test this summer, has still not healed sufficiently to risk it in the series

decider on his home ground. "It's frustrating," the Surrey captain said. "It's improved

But the sixth Test is such a big game and you have to be able to know you can go in there and complete the job, and I can't afford to take the risk.

"It's got to be strong enough to take another knock, which we don't feel at the moment it is. If I could guarantee that I would not get hit on the finger again, I would have been play-

ing weeks ago.
"I have had nets on the bowiconsiderably - in fact, it is the ing machine, when obviously it is right I'll play - but it won't best it's been for a long time. you know the ball is not going be ready for a while longer yet."

ably needs another couple of weeks to make sure and obviously the winter tour is at the back of my mind. I want to get it right for the trip to South Africa. But it's not a question of me saving it for the winter. Once

### **Gould dons mantle of** new Wales manager

Football

**CLIVE WHITE** 

Bobby Gould, who steered Wimbledon to an inconceivable victory in the 1988 FA Cup final, last night accepted the task of trying to repeat his success with Wales, the Dons' international equivalent, when he signed a two-and-a-half-year contract as manager which will take him up to the 1998 World Cup finals in France.

The appointment by the Football Association of Wales brings to an end a seven-week search to find a successor to Mike Smith, who was sacked when the national team's hopes of qualifying for the finals of the European Championship in England next summer suffered an embarrassing, premature failure. Gould is their fourth

manger in two years. Like Smith, Gould is an Englishman, but he was quick to point out the success enjoyed by his compatriot, Jack Charlton, with the Republic of Ireland team. "If I can achieve what

Jack has done with the Republic I am sure this nation will be going in the right direction." Gould, who finished top of

an impressive shortlist which included Howard Kendall and Mike Walker, added: "I had a dream and that was to become the manager of Wales. It has now been fulfilled."

Brian Fear, the president of the FAW, said: "Our aim is to reach the final stages of the 1998 World Cup. Bobby's aim is to get us there. We've been so close but we hope Bobby will lead us to that goal. The Welsh international Kit

Symons has rejoined his former manager, Alan Ball, in a £1.8m deal which takes the central defender from Portsmouth to Manchester City. Ball was manager at Fratton Park when Symons joined the club a schoolboy. Ball may also have solved goalkeeping problem, signing Eike Immel from VfB Stuttgart for £400,000. Immel said of Ball: "His knowledge of football is vast and I hope this move will strengthen my international career as well.

Bryan Robson has denied that he is set to move again for Andrei Kanchelskis, after the Manchester United winger's £5n move to Everton collapsed on Wednesday. "As far as I am concerned it is pure speculation," he said. "I think Manchester United and Everton will sort it out."

Injury-hit Liverpool have put Paul Stewart's proposed loan to Sunderland on hold. The Roker Park club want to take the former Tottenham player on loan with a view to completing a permanent transfer. But Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said: "Because of our injuries we can't afford to let him go up there yet."

Marco van Basten, the Milan and Netherlands striker, has announced his retirement. Van Basten, 30, who also played for Ajax and was European Footballer of the Year three times, had not appeared in a competitive game since the 1993 Epropean Cup final, following a string of ankle operations. "It's a sad day, but life goes on," Van Basten said.

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